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Await fact-finder's report

Urges support staff to reject contract

By JOE WALLACE

Niagara College support staff have been issued a directive by their union to not support the contract offered them by the Council of Regents.

Kay Steele, president of local 243, Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) support staff, said some of the delegates representing other colleges across the province were directed at an Oct. 21 meeting in Toronto to "do everything in their power" to stop the contract.

The motion to turn down the contract was unanimously carried by the delegates attending the meeting.

Contract negotiations between the Council and OPSEU broke off Aug. 8 and support staff has been working without a contract since the end of August.

The staff has been offered a 2.78 per cent increase across the board from Sept. 1 to March 31. An additional four per cent will be offered starting April 1.

Other outstanding issues include holidays and vacations, insurance, long-term disability, OHIP and extended health care, shift differentials and health and safety language.

Mrs. Steele said the management's position is that support staff is moving into the third year of its contract and can only offer 2.78 per cent under anti-inflation guidelines.

Mrs. Steele said the average salary for support staff is $10,000 a year while the college faculty average is $17,000. The college faculty recently ratified an agreement for a 5.48 per cent salary increase this year.

She said 2.78 per cent of $10,000 is "a lot less than 5.48 per cent of $17,000."

VOTE 'SHOW OF STRENGTH'

Mrs. Steele said this vote "will be a positive show of strength for the negotiating team to take back to the negotiation table.

"It will show management they (the support staff) support the negotiating team."

A fact-finder, lawyer Ross Kennedy, has been commissioned to investigate and report on the positions of the two sides, the September issue of OPSEU News said.

Mrs. Steele said his report will be published Nov. 2.

OPSEU News says the collective agreement which the support staff is under saw an even 50 per cent of the union members against ratification. It was only after the College Relations Commission ruled on the validity of some doubtful ballots that the contract was ratified.

MEMBERS 'DISSATISFIED'

"The members were clearly dissatisfied with the last contract," Sean O'Flynn, OPSEU president, said in the monthly paper.

"For three years, they suffered even more than most Canadians under the yoke of Ottawa's wage controls. The result is that their wages lag from five to 25 per cent behind those of comparable employees in school boards and public service," Mr. O'Flynn said.

"To obtain a decent contract at this time, Colleges of Applied Arts support staff members will need to show the colleges they are ready to fight."

An OPSEU spokesman told the delegates at the meeting they can be assured full support from the faculty union, Mrs. Steele said.

No date has been set for the ratification vote.

For reserved parking

Wheelchairs, crutches only

By BETH SWINIMER

People with hidden health handicaps are out of luck even with a doctor's certificate recommending reserved parking.

A management committee decision made subsequent to Jacqueline Robart's appointment as college president in June means only those in wheelchairs or on crutches will be granted handicap parking.

Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, said the problem was discussed at a management committee meeting sometime this summer, but he could not pinpoint the exact date.

The committee decided, he said, that handicapped refers only to those who are on crutches or in wheelchairs. He added that people with hidden health problems such as high blood pressure should be encouraged to have the exercise of walking to and from the buildings to their cars every day.

One college employee with high blood pressure said she had a reserved parking spot for two years before this and "nothing was ever said before this September."

DOCTOR'S NOTE

When a doctor's note was presented to Mr. Spittle this September for renewal of the reserved parking identification sticker, she said she was told the parking privileges had been revoked for all those except people in wheelchairs or on crutches.

Annoyed at this, she said if someone goes to all the trouble of paying for a doctor's certificate, and if a doctor agrees that the use of such privileges are necessary to the health of the patient, then the use of the spot should be granted.

"It's fine in the summer weather but fighting through the wind and trudging through the sometimes poorly cleared parking lot is bad for the person with a heart condition or high blood pressure," she said.

The number of reserved parking spots were reduced from 12 to six in September, but may change as the need arises. The number has been raised to seven this week, Ron Jeffery, bylaw enforcement officer at the college, said.

Patrolling the college since January, 1977, Mr. Jeffery said when he can't find a poorly parked car anywhere else on the campus, nine of ten times he can find reserved parking spaces have been abused.

ABUSE SPACES

There were four of the seven reserved spaces with unidentified cars occupying the spaces, he said Oct. 23. "Quite a few problems revolve around those seven spaces."

Each car receives a windshield sticker, and the licence number and the make of the car is recorded by the officer, who checks the area twice daily.

"People think I like writing ticket," Mr. Jeffery said. "I don't but if they insist on parking in the wrong spot then I will ticket them. These spots are necessary to the people who use them."

Another college employee with a pin in her left ankle, had her privilege revoked in September.

"If a doctor's certificate is presented for reserved parking because of a physical handicap, evident or not, then parking facilites should be allowed," she said.

Peter Kabel, a financial management and business administration student, who walks with the aid of a cane, finds the reserved parking "just dandy."

"Everyone was parking there in the beginning of the year but with tickets being given out the problem is clearing up," he said.

Arlene Jacques, a secretarial arts student, on crutches since September, is walking with a cast until mid-November, and will go back on crutches until next summer.

She said she would like to apply for a parking spot because she frequently finds herself covering a lot of ground walking to her classes when she can't find a parking spot close to the Merritt building.

Although Pat Kenny, a health record technician student, does not need the use of a parking space because she lives in Welland and arrives at the college by taxi, she feels the reseved spaces are a good idea.

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SAC gives satellites extra $5 per student

By DOUG SMITH

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) has increased the per-student allocation to satellite campuses to $17.50 this year, an increase of $5 over last year's allocation.

SAC vice-president for finance, Diana Lostracco, has budgeted $10,000 for the satellites. The extra money will come from money left over elsewhere in the budget, she said.

Last year, the council spent $6,471 on satellite allocations, giving each $12.50 per student.

The money will not be taken from anything else in the budget, but will come from any money left over, such as in estimated expenditures.

Last year, some satellite campuses got grants from SAC, over and above their allocation. This year, these grants will not be available, Diana said.

The increase is "wonderful", John Rapsey, theatre arts coordinator, said. "Traditionally, the money is used to help support field trips for the students, or to buy equipment used at the centre."

The money is sometimes used to purchase gifts for third-year students leaving the course to take apprenticeships in the business, Mr. Rapsey said.

SAC budget story

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The satellite organizations will be able to use the money as they see fit, the only provision being that SAC approval be given to any expenditure they make. The money must not be used for food or beverages but can be used for dances or club functions at the various campuses.

The hotel school in Niagara Falls will get $1,877.50 for its 113 students, the Theatre Centre will be given $927.50 to cover the 53 students and the Horticulture Centre will get $1,575 to cover 90 students. The Mack School of Nursing has not yet received its allocation for the year.

Students at the Welland Vale campus are not eligible to receive SAC funds as retraining students are not full-time day students and do not pay the $35 student activity fee.

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Parking ban on east side a possibility

A bylaw amendment prohibiting parking on First Avenue and Woodgate Drive by the east side of Niagara College was proposed at the Welland City Council meeting Oct. 17 after college neighbors complained of excessive parking by Niagara students.

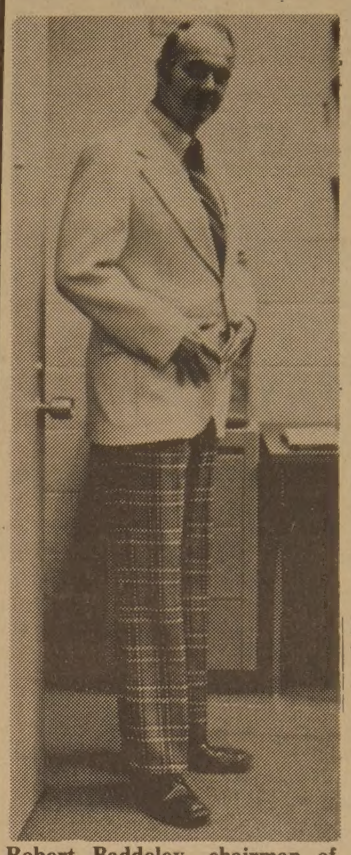
The bylaw amendment, which could become law as early as the council meeting, would ban parking between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the east side of First Avenue north from Woodlawn Road for 2,400 feet and on both sides of Woodgate Drive for one block from First Avenue, Dave Barrett, Welland city clerk said.

Mr. Barrett said the amendment was introduced after people in the neighborhood complained of excessive parking by students. Council was told by Alderman Harry Diffin that there were a great many problems with student parking.

If the college wishes to appeal the amendment, Mr. Barrett said it could petition council for the right to appear. However, he said he didn't think it would change anything.

"Streets are not to be used for parking lots," he said. "Niagara seems to have enough parking facilities."

Chairman issues challenge as weigh-ins dribble in



Robert Baddeley, chairman of health sciences, has challenged Jacqueline Robarts, college pre sident, and I. J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, to lose weight in the Pounds for Canada Lottery.

Weigh-ins for the Pounds for Canada Lottery are going "very slowly," says Marian Kerr, nurse at the Health Centre.

"People are coming in dribs and drabs," she said; 18 have entered so far.

Weigh-ins have been extended indefinitely. The cost to enter the contest is $1, and it is open to anyone in the college at least 10 pounds overweight.

People losing 10 pounds or more will be eligible for the final draw, which is one-eighth of the total pot collected.

People not overweight can also get involved by paying the entry fee and guessing the total weight lost by all contestants, or by sponsoring someone in the contest on a per-pound-lost basis.

The guess closest to the actual poundage lost will also win one-eighth of the pot.

The contest is scheduled to end Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1979.

First and second year journalism students, following the example set by Bob Baddeley, chairman of health sciences, plan to get involved in the contest by issuing a challenge to another program within the college. Mr. Baddeley issued a challenge to Jacqueline Robarts, college president, and I. J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts.

Enforced retirement at 65 topic at Nov. 27 meeting

A special meeting for the staff to discuss the college's proposed policy of enforced retirement at age 65 has been called for Nov. 27 by the Staff and Student Affairs Committee.

The meeting, to take place in the Board Room, will be open for staff to provide suggestions about the proposed policy:

"The retirement date for all full-time employees of Niagara College shall be the 31st day of August coincident with, or next following, the date the employee attains 65 years of age."

The policy spelled out the conditions under which continued employment would be considered. The individual would still have to meet "all the usual employment requirements," would have to submit a written request for continued employment to the president six months before the retirement date, and would have to renew the request each year.

Also, the employee would have to be younger than 70, have been employed at the college prior to January 1, 1978, and the total of his age and number of years worked would have to be less than eighty. Continued employment would be considered only if no permanent full-time staff under the same classification were on lay-off or about to be laid off.

Staff members or groups wishing to speak to the meeting are asked to advise Mary Hornak, secretary to the president, before Nov. 22.

No more dollars for rowers: SAC

The Niagara College Rowing Club was given an extra $388.50 in a revised budget passed unanimously by the Student Administrative Council (SAC) at a meeting Oct. 17.

Two other club budgets, totalling $1,960, were also passed at the meeting.

The photography club has a budget of $1,100 passed at the meeting to cover expenses for equipment. *The equipment will* become part of SAC's assets at the end of the year. Other articles the club will buy, such as photographic paper and chemicals, cannot be reused and will have to be replaced next year.

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) club will get $860 from SAC for a variety of events throughout the year. The club will use the money for such things as field trips, maintenance on the college's Electric Car, and guest speakers for club meetings during the year.

The rowing club, which has had considerable success in three regattas they have entered to date, hopes to become a varsity team at the college next September. Because the athletic budget is drawn up in early May, the club could not be covered under this year's budget, Gary Gizzie, SAC vice-president for athletics, said.

The photography club will take pictures of college activities for *the yearbook. Activities will* include pubs, athletic events and the Celebrate Canada Festival.

The IEEE club will organize field trips, open to all college students, to various area establishments. One proposed trip will be to Andres Wines. The club will have guest speakers come to meetings open to all students.

The application for money will be the last for the rowing club a spokesman said. Its members will raise money for the rest of the year to subsidize a club trip to a regatta in Philadelphia in the spring.

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Cabin fever

The cabin in this rustic fall setting would be more appropriate in the Hansel and Gretel fairy tale than a storage shed for the Welland Parks Commission. Located in Chippawa Park, First Avenue, Welland, it serves as a winter protection for many of the Parks department's maintenance equipment. (Photo by Powell)

10 more sign for spelling

Hans Miethig has proven that an example set can be followed. Ten of his students have signed up for the remedial spelling course offered by the English department this term.

Mr. Miethig, co-ordinator of the construction engineering program, signed for the home study course two weeks ago, and stimulated his students to attempt the 10 exercises. Six more are expected to sign.

Niagara rep

College instructor appointed to new sociology association

Zarko Petkovic, a social sciences instructor at Niagara College, has been elected to the executive committee of the newly-formed Ontario Association of Sociology and Anthropology. The appointment was made during the association's first meeting, held earlier this month in Toronto.

Mr. Petkovic and another member have the specific responsibility of representing Ontario's community colleges. "We'll be working closely with sociology instructors," he said. "We'll discuss matter such as course content, methods of teaching and quality of textbooks."

Mr. Petkovic feels the link with the association is "a good thing for Niagara College. There'll be access to first hand information which can be shared both in the college and in the community. It's good publicity for the school, and it should increase the interaction between the colleges."

STUDENTS CAN JOIN

Students at Niagara can join the association. The membership policy allows any person who expresses an interest in sociology or anthropology to become a member.

Mr. Petkovic said at the first committee meeting, which is to be held soon, the fee structure will be discussed. He did say that the cost of a student membership will not exceed $5.

ZARKO PETKOVIC

The association is planning to publish newsletters and a journal, both of which will go out to each member. As well, there will be two or three conferences held yearly, at which various papers and views of the field will be presented. This will serve to give students access to current and relevant information.

SHOULD BE FIRST

Mr. Petkovic said institutions will be members of the association as well. "I hope, and I think it would be appropriate, that Niagara is the first college to join."

Joan Hastings, co-ordinator of sociology at Niagara, was among the 60 or 70 participants at the first meeting. Dr. Ken Duncan of Guelph University was elected president of the association.

One of the prime reasons for forming OASA was that many sociologists and anthropoligists felt it was time they got "organized as a profession." It was not believed that they are not being fully recognized as qualified to assess the needs of the community.

Mr. Petkovic said the work of a sociologist can be quite diverse. "He may be working in education, in either a teaching or a research role. Or he may be working in any number of government departments, on matters such as social planning, public opinion or the impact of inflation. Or the sociologist may be working in industry, doing a time study or examining absenteeism for example."

Mr. Petkovic came to Canada 12 years ago from Yugoslavia, where he was a criminal lawyer. His law degree was not recognized here, and he decided to go to the University of Windsor where he obtained a master's degree in sociology. He was a sessional instructor at the university for several years, and joined Niagara College in 1974.

WOMEN ARE TOPS

The two highest administrative positions at Niagara College are held by women. Eleanor Lancaster is chairman of the Board of Governors and Jacqueline Robarts became president in June of this year.

Close college earlier, avoid storm: Robarts

Incentive could delay tuition rise

The 60,000 students of voting age in Ontario may present enough incentive to political parties to delay tuition increases until the beginning of a term in office, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

Large increases instead of gradual fee raises are due in part to political manoeuvering, Miss Robarts said.

"It's a good election platform," she said.

The last tuition increase came after a five-year gap. The increase, two years ago, was $75. Miss Robarts said a gradual raise of $20 per year would be easier to accept by students and parents.

The cost of putting the average student through college is $2,500, Miss Robarts said.

The ministry of colleges and universities is studying the structure of tuition fees and will present a report near the end of the year.

"Apparently a majority of the colleges recommended gradual increases" when interviewed by the ministry representative, Miss Robarts said.

A consultant firm from Toronto is doing the tuition structure study.

By BETH SWINIMER

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, may "err on the side of closing the college too early" when blizzards hit Niagara again this year.

"Maybe I just don't like driving in the bad weather," she said. "We will do our best. I think the name of the game is to close in plenty of time so people can get home before a storm hits seriously."

Snow removal policies will remain basically the same as last year, Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, said, except that a new contractor to perform snow removal services was hired in August, to start at the first snowfall.

Last year's practices met with " reasonable success," he said.

Miss Robarts agreed that established policies will be followed, but said she realizes there have been problems in the past about getting the college closed before a big storm socks the staff and students in.

She does feel that areas such as the nursery school will have to be notifies of pending college closing earlier than previous years so parents can be notified in time.

MONITORED WEATHER

Mr. Spittle said in previous years, students services director A.S. Aboud monitored weather conditions from the St. Catharines weather office, and between himself, Mr. Aboud and the president, a decision was made on the college closing. "But the college president still has to make the ultimate decision."

Miss Robarts said she feels there are many lessons to be learned from two years ago when hundreds of staff and students were forced to remain at the school for the weekend because of severe weather conditions.

It is important to remind people, especially those requiring medication, that extra supplies be carried with them in the winter, she said.

She also said the problems of winter weather conditions had been discussed but no definite policies had been set down.

Another problem that concerned Miss Robarts was whether the college should be opened at all on the morning of blizzard-type weather conditions.

"We are faced with a problem of trying to develop the best way to stop people from coming to the college when no parking will be cleared for the vehicles."

In previous years, Mr. Spittle said, he would report the weather conditions of his home town, Niagara Falls, to the president before 7 a.m. I. J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, would report from Fonthill and Arnot P. McIntee, dean of business, from St.Catharines.

The president would make a decision based on this information, and that decision would be aired on local radio stations as close to 7 a.m. as possible, he said.

DISBELIEVES ALMANACS

Mr. Spittle, who relies on the official CBC radio weather forecasts as the basis of many of his snow-related decisions, said he does not believe in the prediction's of any farmer's almanac.

The 186th edition of the Old Farmer's Almanac, edited by Robert Thomas, predicts three snow storms of considerable size to hit upstate New York, Toronto and Montreal areas in January.

Neither Miss Robarts nor Mr. Spittle seems concerned by the predictions. "I'm afraid I don't place much faith in it," Miss Robarts said.

"I have a hand that I've had surgery on and I can almost tell you when it's going to rain because it aches, but I don't predict weather on that," she said.

Judging by dropping temperatures and recent radio and television forecasts, it won't be long until the first snow falls and the effectiveness of the college's new policies is known.

School challenge: walk across Canada

The school of health sciences challenges all other schools at Niagara: to a Peripatetic Pedagogues' Plod.

It's simple really — just a matter of walking across Canada. All in the interests of the Celebrate Canada Festival and of improving physical fitness.

Students will be encouraged to take part by sponsoring staff members, and thus urging onwards any who show signs of flagging.

Any staff member is eligible to enter the walking marathon which begins Nov. 15.

Participating staff members from each school will form teams; the distance to be walked will be divided among the members.

Each team has three months to complete the 4,042-mile walk, Barbara Fonfara, secretary to the dean of health sciences, Fred Habermehl, said.

The first team to cross Canada in their daily walks, and the individual with the greatest number of miles walked, will be presented with mystery awards during the festival week in February.

Mrs. Fonfara said progress of the participating teams will be entered each week on a map posted in the cafeteria. A representative from each school will inform Mrs. Fonfara each week of the miles covered.

Students, family and friends will be asked to sponsor staff participants. Proceeds will go towards costs of the festival, she said.

This will be the third year of the Celebrate Canada Festival, three days of guest speakers, arts and craft displays and entertainment for students, staff and the entire community.

The suggestion for the Peripatetic Pedagogues' Plod was made by Mr. Habermehl.

Flyers with information on the event will be sent to all staff members, Mrs. Fonfara said.

EDITORIAL PAGE I

Opinions

Comments

Reserved spaces being abused

The management committee decided this summer that use of the reserved parking outiside the counselling offices of the Tecumseh Centre would be restricted to those in wheelchairs or on crutches.

A doctor decided two college employees were handicapped — though the handicaps were not evident — and documented these in certificates for the management committee. One person has high blood pressure, the other a pin in the left ankle.

The employees have now been told their previously reserved spaces were no longer available.

When a doctor recommends for health reasons that a person should have a guaranteed parking spot close to the building he works in, should a panel of non-medical people be allowed to veto the decision?

The reducation of 12 reserved spaces to six does not drastically affect the parking of the college's other students who are capable of walking through all types of weather to reach their classes.

Rather than revoke a privilege already extended to these people, and perhaps endanger their health, would it not be better to maintain the 12 spaces for use by these and temporarily handicapped people, such as the fellow who breaks his leg playing volleyball?

Management says the reserved parking will be extended until it is abused, at which point it will be cut off.

The bylaw enforcement officer says the spaces are abused, but not by the people who qualify for the spaces. People who "can't even read the signs right under their noses" are using the reserved spaces.

The two employees continue to walk from wherever they can find an empty place. They work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Simcoe building and often the only spaces they can find are over by Hennepin Hall.

Beth Swinimer

No real basis for closings

In this day of modern technology and sophisticated equipment, Niagara College relies largely on arthritic appendages and random opinions to forecast the weather.

Despite numerous problems in the past, notably two years ago when hundreds of staff and students were snowed in for a January weekend, the college still has no definite policies concerning winter weather conditions.

The present arrangements are, to say the least, amateur and unreliable. With teachers and students travelling distances of up to 30 miles to the college, surely a better system can be developed to ensure their safety.

Although an almanac is certainly not foolproof, it could be used to supplement the official CBC radio forecasts now used. They're fine for a daily report but some method of predicting bad weather in advance is also needed.

The problems of winter are not new, nor will they change from year to year. The time for indecision is past — a definite policy should be established.

Let's be prepared for winter this year.

Cheryl Gard

Many Welland homes unveiled

Many houses shrouded in mystery due to large trees are now being seen in all their beauty. As the autumn leaves fall, the houses come out of hiding. (Photo by Powell)

CURSES Why can't something be done about...

No refreshments in Merritt complex

This letter is addressed to your Curses Department. A number of students who have the majority of their classes in the Merritt Building are wondering why there are no vending machines in that section of the school. If possible, could you please look into this for us.

Sincerely yours,
Debbie Powell,
Second year business

The reason there are no vending machines in the Merritt building is because of an oversight in the architect's plans. According to Jim Fannon, vending manager of Niagara Frontier Caterers, there is no water line within 500 to 600 feet of the lower floor alcove in front of Manera Court.

Mr. Fannon told the Niagara News that they were prepared to install machines in the Merritt building but that when they arrived to do so the closest water hook-up was in a washroom some 500 feet away.

"We talked about it before the wing was up," Mr. Fannon said. The intention was to put in a soft drink machine and a coffee machine. "I believe the hydro is there but not the water."

NEVER APPROACHED

Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, said he would have to look into the cost of moving the water line but that he had never been approached about the problem.

Before the machines could be installed the electrical outlets would have to be changed from 15 amps to 30 amps. The buildings are not designed with the vending machines in mind, he said.

Any addition of machines would have to go through the director of student services, A.S. Aboud. Mr. Aboud was unsure of the water line problem but is not convinced of a need for such machines. "No one has ever indicated a need for them to me."

It was also pointed out that the college likes to keep all vending machines as centralized as possible. "We can't have vending machines on all campuses," he said.

According to Mr. Aboud, the cost for moving a water line would not be that expensive. But, before it would be done, a need would have to be indicated and presented to him.

Mr. Spittle said that while he doesn't have much jurisdiction over the vending machines, he knows that they are kept specifically in one area to keep the premises clean.

If the school of business would like the convenience of their own machines they must organize themselves into a group and approach Mr. Aboud about the problem.

OOOPS

Lunches prepared and served by hotel and restaurant students on Thursday afternoons are held in the Rainbow Centre in Niagara Falls. The Niagara News mistakenly reported the lunches would be held in the Sheraton Brock.

Waiters in blue jackets will provide traditional European service and French cuisine.

The News apologizes to John Peacock, hotel and restaurant program co-ordinator, for any inconvenience caused to him and his staff by the error.

Letters to the editor

The Niagara News welcomes letters from its readers on any subject. Letters should not exceed 200 words in length and the News reserves the right to edit submissions in the interest of brevity.

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BULLPIT Richards' decision is disgraceful

By MICHAEL PLONER

It's disgusting that the judicial system of Canada can be ridiculed so easily. The Keith Richards sentencing is an example.

Richards pleaded guilty to having one ounce of heroin in his possession. The minimum sentence for this offence is six months or $1,000 or both. Richards didn't receive either.

Instead, he has to do a benefit concert and keep peace for a year. This is a mockery of the criminal code. Aren't the rules and laws that apply for Canadian citizens good enough for Richards?

The judge presiding said Richards, being a creative person, is sensitive to indulgence. Does this mean that all musicians and artists can assume their penalty for drug possession will be similar?

EDITORIAL PAGE II

Profile / Letter

PROFILE

College president strives for informality

By TOM POWELL

Sitting behind the large desk inside her office in Hennepin Hall, Jacqueline Robarts pushed herself back into the large chair, took a deep breath and then in a quick and pleasant tone of voice began to talk about the woman whom Niagara College students know very little about.

Wherever she goes, either on campus or as a representative of the college, Jackie, as she wants to be called, takes with her an informal and friendly attitude, a quality that some people find unusual in an administrator.

Since her appointment to the position of college president in June, Jackie has attended various school activities, most recently the blood donor clinic, in an effort to get to meet as many students as possible and to show her concern for the school and its activities.

As the chief administrator for Niagara College, Jackie realizes that it will take some time for people to accept her informal approach and to understand that she is honestly concerned.

'I do care'

"I'm trying to make an effort for people to get to know me, not because I'm trying to stand on a pedestal but more that I do care," she said.

Jackie hopes that because Niagara is a small college it will be easier to get to know the people. Through her participation in the college, outside of her administrative duties, she hopes to bridge the gap between student and administrator and the uneasy feeling one might have in addressing her on a first name basis.

"I guess another thing that I'd really like to accomplish is that people realize that I'm a human being with all the faults that anybody else has and I will probably make some bad decisions as president," she said. If she does make a mistake, "I am quite willing to admit I've made a mistake."

Jackie hopes to bring across to the students that she is not someone at the top who has no time at all for the "little guy" and his problems. She would much sooner offer someone with a problem advice and counselling instead of the door.

Her dedication to the college does have its limits though.

"Somebody asked me the other day if I was going to go over to the life drawing class and I said that I really do a lot of things for Niagara College but one thing I refuse to do is take my clothes off for it."

Apart from her unwillingness to pose in the nude, Jackie is taking steps to improve what she feels is already a good teacher-student relationship at the college.

It is only natural to assume that someone with this type of attitude in their business dealing would also apply it to the other aspects of their life as well.

Jackie has acquired a large number of friends over the years and while she is not inclined to throw enormous parties she feels at home entertaining a small gathering of six to eight people.

Born in Windsor, Jackie was the youngest of four girls. She attended high school at Brantford and played basketball for four years, and was captain of her team for the last two. She was also a tennis player and, in her spare time, an avid camper and swimmer.

After she completed high school, her father told her that any further education she wished to get she would have to pay for herself. There were no student loans and Jackie worked part-time to pay for her schooling. She is a determined person who is not afraid to go after what she wants.

As her career progressed she had to come to grips with many of the social pressures placed on a successful career woman.

Jackie has been engaged twice, once to a man who contracted polio and died and the other time to a man who found it hard to accept her potential as possibly being greater than his.

"As I got into my mid 20's it was always kind of a decision between my career, as I was advancing in my career, with due respect to many men."

But she doesn't consider herself "a sour old maid" and certainly is not feeling sorry for herself.

Being so busy at work she enjoys the free time she has to herself and is not one for taking off on long travel holidays.

Likes reading

She is a "ferocious" reader, likes to do crewel work and hook rugs and is a fan of semi-classical and symphony music. Her love of gourmet cooking may be suffering though, as she attempts to lose weight in the Pounds for Canada contest.

She is a "fairly homey person" who can feel as comfortable in blue jeans as she can in an evening gown. Because of her position she feels people often perceive her as someone who doesn't enjoy the small things, like looking at leaves in the fall.

JACKIE ROBARTS

The move from Toronto to the Niagara region hasn't been a difficult one but she admits that at times it is not easy to make new friends.

"If you make close friends amongst the people with whom you work when you're the top person then you put other people's noses out of joint because you're not part of their group," she said. "So you have to be careful."

With no immediate family living close by, Jackie often makes trips back to Toronto to see friends.

"As long as I am at work it's fine," she said, "but when you go home you close the door in the apartment and you're there. I was used to the phone ringing half a dozen times in the evening and it might ring once or twice a week here."

Though she is not a lonely person because she is so busy she does find that "there certainly is that sort of aloneness at times that I think you have to learn to deal with."

But she is constantly expanding her interests and broadening her horizons. She hopes to take up cross-country skiing this winter and resume her tennis playing sometime in the near future.

She even hopes to take an evening course at the college someday, when the teacher can feel comfortable with her and realize that she's there this time as Jackie Robarts, student, not Jacqueline Robarts, president.

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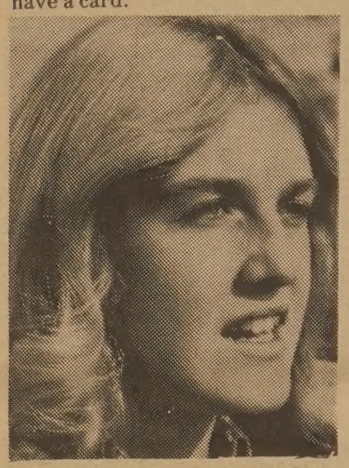
ROVING REPORTER

By CHERYL GARD and MICHAEL PLONER

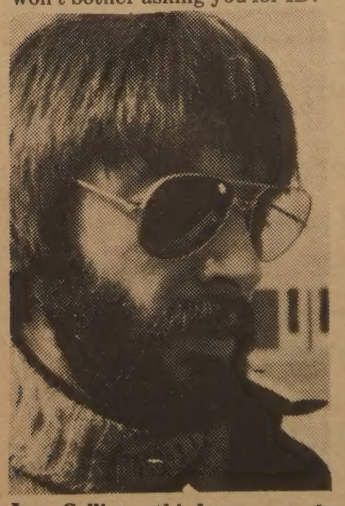
Question: With the drinking age being raised to 19 as of Jan. 1, 1979, do you think age of majority cards will be effective?

Carey Tredwell, second year human relations, Niagara Falls: Yes, they'll help solve a lot of problems, like young kids going into a bar and getting bombed. I have a card.



Joanne Bulanda, first year journalism, St. Catharines: Yes, because you can't borrow anyone else's. I have a card now, but I've never been asked for ID.

Diane Panucci, first year health sciences, Niagara Falls: No, because people get in other ways, like sneaking through the back door. If they know you they won't bother asking you for ID.

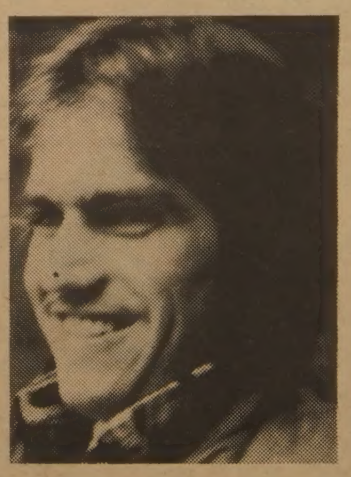


Jay Collins, third year technology, St. Catharines: Yes — after all, it's kind of hard to hide your face. I don't drink but it would be good ID for other things.

Bob Keeling, first year general college, Owen Sound: Sure, they have to be. I'll probably wait until January to get a card, though.

Doris Greenwood, first year interior design, Smithville: I think it will be effective as long as they enforce it. My card is on the way, though I've never been refused admittance at any place.

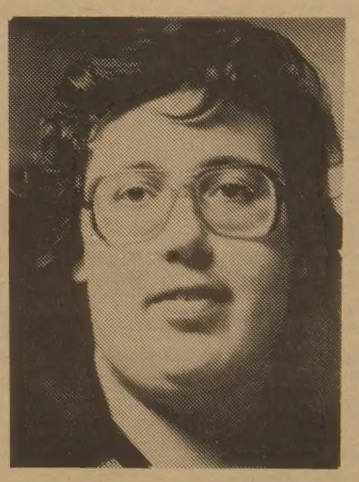
Cathy Vittie, first year retail management, Port Colborne: They should be, as long as everybody has the same kind of card. I'm going to get one.



Randy Funk, first year radio and television, Jordan: No. It'll be the same situation as it is now because there's not much difference between an 18 and a 19-year-old. I'll probably get a card just to be sure, though.

Cathy Sallafranque, first year business administration, Niagara-on-the-Lake: I think they will. They have your picture on them so they'll be able to tell if you're using fake ID or not.

Rosanne Bonitatibus, first year dental assistant, Hamilton: I don't know if it's going to be effective but it'll help kids under 19 stay out of trouble by keeping out of bars. It'll stop temptation.



Stephen Taylor, first year general college, London: No, because it's a challenge for younger kids to break the law.

Marion James, first year interior design, Welland: They're a good idea as long as the places make sure they ask for it. It'll probably work better than other types of ID because of the picture.

Clinic to issue majority cards

Age of majority cards will be issued Dec. 4, 5 and 6 at a clinic run by the liquor licence board.

A.S. Aboud, director of student services, said age of majority cards will be required at all licensed premises, including school pubs, when the new drinking age goes into effect Jan. 1, 1979.

The drinking age is being raised from 18 to 19 but Mr. Aboud wasn't sure when the cut-off date for 18-year-olds was. The Niagara News checked with regional police, the crown attorney's office and a hotel, but they also were uncertain.

The clinic will be held in the foyer outside the resource centre in the Tecumseh building, Mr. Aboud said. Tenative times are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students will require two pieces of identification to prove identity and date of birth. Mr. Aboud said these would include either a driver's licence, a student identification card, or a social insurance card for the first and a birth certificate, a baptismal certificate or a passport for the second.

Pictures will be taken at the clinic and the card processed while you wait. There is a $2 fee.

The clinic is open to the public, and Mr. Aboud hopes it will visit the satellite campuses.

Mr. Aboud said the age of majority card "is getting to be the only official I.D.". He hopes students will take advantage of the clinic, instead of going through the more involved mail procedure, especially in light of the current mail strike.

Darkroom search ends for NC Photo Club

The search for a darkroom ended for the Photography Club at the President's Student Advisory Committee meeting Oct. 18 when it was granted the use of Room M16 beginning Dec. 1.

The 21-member club began the search for the darkroom early in September and much of their efforts centred around obtaining Room M16 which is being vacated by Continuing Education photography as soon as the course's new darkroom in the Hennepin building is completed, Mike Sizaire, club treasurer, said.

"After two months, we are starting uphill," he said.

Mike, a second year marketing management student, said the darkroom is not only for the photography club, but for the yearbook as well. He said certain members of the club work on the yearbook and the biggest problem they faced was to obtain the use of a darkroom before Christmas.

"Last year we didn't get started until January," he said. "We went like crazy."

Between now and Christmas, the photography club will take pictures of classes, develop negatives and teach their members how to print pictures. *Field trips to Balls Falls* and other areas are also planned.

Students to Festival

A bus trip for Niagara College staff and students to the Festival of Women in the Arts is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4.

The festival is to celebrate the achievements of Canadian women in painting, sculpture, literature, films, photography and handicrafts.

Various displays, literature and play readings, film showings and lectures of topics of interest to women are scheduled to take place. The festival is to be held at Centennial College, Scarborough.

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Star Wars phenomenon spreads to Halloween

By BETH SWINIMER

Witches, skeletons and vampires are in, but gorillas, monsters and Star War characters are definitely the biggies in Halloween costume rentals this year.

June Jarrett, of Studio Enterprises, Niagara Falls, and Linda Sampson, Niagara Theatricals, St. Catharines, agree that although traditional Halloween figures—vampires, Dracula and witches—are the first costumes rented, horror characters and monsters are asked for by the majority of people.

Darth Vader and Chewbacca, two characters from the movie Star Wars, are also in great demand, Mrs. Jarrett said. Demands seem to fluctuate with the hit movies of the year. For example, she said, when Anthony and Cleopatra was a headline movie of the year, everyone wanted to dress as Cleopatra and Marc Anthony for parties.

Mrs. Sampson said she has noticed this year more people seem willing to experiment with face make-up, doing away with the ever-popular masks.

MORE MAKE-UP

She said more women than men tend to rent costumes, but "they usually bring their boy friends or husbands in several days later to choose an outfit for the evening."

Costumes used by each business are made on the premises, and can be rented out for an evening for between $4 and $5.

Mrs. Sampson said this year her company put cloth costumes for children on the market, safer and warmer than plastic ones offered for sale in department stores, she said, and the venture has been fairly successful.

Costumes have even been made to order on the premises, Mrs. Sampson said, and bought outright by the patron requesting the service.

Although Halloween is the steadiest season for both costume rental agencies, Christmas is another busy season of the year. Santa's elf costumes are in demand during that festive season both women agreed.

Cheryl Gard, associate editor of this edition of the Niagara News, gets carried away this Halloween season by gorilla Carey Calper of the Studio Enterprises costume rental agency in Niagara Falls. Gorillas are in for Halloween season apparel this year, along with Star Wars characters Chewbacca and Darth Vader. As children set out trick or treating tomorrow night, watch out when driving, so every one can have a Happy Halloween!

(Photo by Swinimer)

Niagara Theatricals is also steady between January and June, supplying dance recital costumes, and Studio Enterprises keeps busy throughout the prises keeps busy throughout the year supplying costumes for store promotions, private parties, theatrical productions and television commercials.

"We oufitted the giant grape for the St. Catharines Grape and Wine Festival, and also supplied costumes for a documentary filmed in Fort Erie for the CBC recently," Mrs. Jarrett said.

She also said that since the movie Animal House by National Lampoon hit the screens several months ago, a great many requests for togas for toga parties have been coming in.

Hort party out for pres., Board comes first

Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, declined an invitation to don her favorite costume for the horticulture division's Halloween party Oct. 26 because she had to attend a Board of Governors meeting that night.

Lori Morellato, a horticulture student who helped plan the party, said it was restricted to horticulture students and staff and their dates. However, the Student Administrative Council and Miss Robarts were invited.

Halloween inspired by ancient tradition

By MARGARET BOYD

When children come trick or treating this Halloween, do not complain, for they are recreating ancient traditions celebrated centuries ago.

Apples, nuts, Jack o' Lanterns, black and orange and hideous masks abound near Halloween. Sir James Frazer, in his book of mythical superstitions, The Golden Bough, said: "Throughout Europe...it was the time of year when souls of the departed were supposed to revisit their old homes..."

Ghosts, witches, hobgoblins and other creatures were supposed to roam the countryside on the night still regarded with superstition. Bonfires were lit to keep evil spirits and witches away.

In pagan times it was believed the night between October and November signalized the change from autumn to winter.

To protect themselves from all the harbingers of evil waiting to rush in, people dressed up in horrifying costumes. They believed if they dressed up, the evil spirits would think they were one of them and not harm them.

The Scottish and Welsh left food offerings out for their visiting ghosts. Of course, now it is children who dress up and traipse about at night to collect food offerings.

Ducking for apples, a favorite game for October birthday parties, is an ancient Roman custom honoring Pomona, the goddess of orchards.

Even today Halloween, the eve of All Saints day, is special to witches. The familiar scene of a witch riding a broomstick is one of a witch's powers. It was believed witch assemblies were held on Halloween; they flew to the meeting on dogs, brooms, hogs or goats.

SCARE AWAY EVIL

Smiling or frowning pumpkins glowing in windows on Halloween are part of the old Celtic custom of scaring away evil with fire.

Jack o'Lantern is also another name for will o'wisp, thought to be something misleading or deceiving which is seen near marshes and graveyards. It represented a malignant ghost capable of leading a man to his death.

Halloween falls under the zodiacal sign of Scorpio. It is not surprising Scorpio was considered a destructive and evil sign in antiquity.

Today Halloween has become a joyous occasion for children, a busy time for dentists and a partying time for adults.

When the children come trick or treating, treat them. Those goblins and witches, small as they are, are supposed to play mischievous tricks.

Two views of N Y C impress hort school

Senior students at the horticulture division visited New York city and the surrounding area, a visit that Peter Mansfield, program co-ordinator, termed "an unqualified success."

New York has some of the wealthiest areas in the world beside some of the most poverty-stricken, Mr. Mansfield said. In the three years he's taken the senior students to New York city, they have always been "impressed by this fact."

Despite the trip's success, "the students sang O Canada coming across the bridge from Buffalo."

However he did say it was a "tremendous time of learning."

VISIT FOUR GARDENS

The 36 students, along with Tom Ball, plant technician and curator, and Mr. Mansfield, visited four botanical gardens while in the New York area, including one of the most famous gardens in the United States — Longwood Gardens, in Kennet Square, Pa.

Mr. Mansfield said the sight at Longwood Gardens "completely buffaloed us." The 350-acre garden is not publically owned but is owned by the Pierre S. Dupont family.

Besides having trees dating from the 17th century and assorted plant-life, the gardens "boast the finest pipe organ in the world," Mr. Mansfield said.

The students also visited two gardens in New York city — New York Botanical Gardens in the Bronx, and the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens in Brooklyn, N.Y.

"The weather was warm and bright and we saw a great deal of marvelous plant material," Mr. Mansfield said.

Regarding Princeton Nurseries in Princeton, N.J., Mr. Mansfield said, "to say we were impressed would be an understatement." Princeton Nurseries, which is right around the corner from Princeton University, is the second largest tree nursery in the United States.

Mr. Mansfield said that the students did see some points of interest while in New York city. "We went through the diamond district, skirted Chinatown, and saw Fifth Avenue."

Mr. Mansfield said that a few years ago the senior students went through Harlem by bus. "It was a mistake," he said.

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Gayle Wilson, general college student, opens wide for Dr. Robert Henderson and clinical technician Susan Tomczuk. Dental check-ups are free at the restorative clinic. (Photo by Boyd)

Health prep course, life sciences lab new

The Health Sciences Preparatory Option, a one-year science upgrading program at Niagara College, had a "phenomenal success rate" last year. Every student but one got into the college and program of his or her choice, Candace Paris, program co-ordinator, said.

A new life sciences lab, completed this summer in the old physics lab in Hennepin Hall, will be an asset to the program, Mrs. Paris said.

It was awkward teaching biology in a physics lab, Mrs. Paris said. The new lab is used in many of the health science programs in the college.

The health prep option has a variety of students. Most are high school graduates who didn't take science courses but wanted a career in health sciences. Some are returning to college after 20 years out of school, are from foreign countries or are commercial transfer students, Mrs. Paris said.

Counselling is an important part of the program. Mrs. Paris said she counsels students to ensure that they enter the right course. Counselling is also required to help many of th students gain confidence. "Many students need to know someone is interested," she said.

Timetables are worked out individually to suit a student's needs. Ther are 37 different health-related programs offerd in colleges around across Canada. A student planning a nursing career would take a less advanced chemistry course than one going into an x-ray technician program, one of the heavier science careers. Mrs. Paris said teachers are aware of the students' needs and work with them individually.

A student taking the prep option is not guaranteed being accepted in a chosen course at a college.

"It is in their favor, though," she said.

Sometimes a person waiting to get into a highly competitive health course will take the prep option. This way the student can obtain exemptions from first year subjects.

Mrs. Paris, who lives in Niagara Falls, has been teaching at Niagara College for five years. She taught medical surgical nursing at the Mack centre of nursing for three years. She has been program co-ordinator of the health prep option since August, 1977. She teaches biology to dental assistant and dental hyiene students, as well as to the prep students.

Bad weather no excuse, must work

Students in Health Sciences programs will have to report for clinical work experience this winter, regardless of weather conditions.

At a president's Student Advisory Committee meeting Oct. 19, college president Jacqueline Robarts said the matter has been "discussed at great lengths" and the agencies and advisory committees involved agree that is is "a necessary part of the program."

Students had expressed concern that they would have to report to area hospitals for work experience even though the college may be closed due to the weather.

A.S. Aboud, student services director, called the practice a "real life situation" and added that an "effort will be made to release students as quickly as possible."

The first responsibility of the students is to the patients, Miss Robarts said, and since the students are dealing with people, they must carry out their duties to the community.

Ottawa trip popular

A good response to the annual Ottawa tour is already evident, Eugene Maltais, political science instructor, said. The tour takes place Nov. 2 to 4 with room for 46 students.

Bruce Milligan, co-ordinator of law and security administration, will direct co-direct the tour with Mr. Maltais.

Health prep option students Angie Bateman, left, and Lorraine Petkau ponder the results of an experiment in biology class, making good use of the college's new life sciences lab. (Photo by Boyd)

Restorative dental clinic is seeking holey molars

The restorative dental clinic, which started just last week, is looking for patients. A screening clinic is held Wednesdays at 1 p.m. to book appointments for prospective patients, Susan Tomczuk clinical technician, said.

Sixteen Niagara area dentists are involved in the clinic held Monday and Thursday mornings and Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Four dentists work in four units per day, with three patients per unit.

First year dental assistant students assist the dentists. The dentists, who do all the work on the patient's mouth, decide what individual patients need done, Mrs. Tomczuk said.

The six-week clinic gives the dental assistants experience handing instruments to the dentist and mixing materials. The students work as a team. One works chairside and one mixes materials, handing them to the the chairside assistant who hands them to the dentist, she said.

Dr. Robert Henderson, a consulting dentist and teacher, said a tentative fee schedule had been worked out which will be gone over in two weeks to be re-evaluated and finalized.

The dental clinic was offered during the 1975-76 academic year but with just one dentist, the students got little experience.

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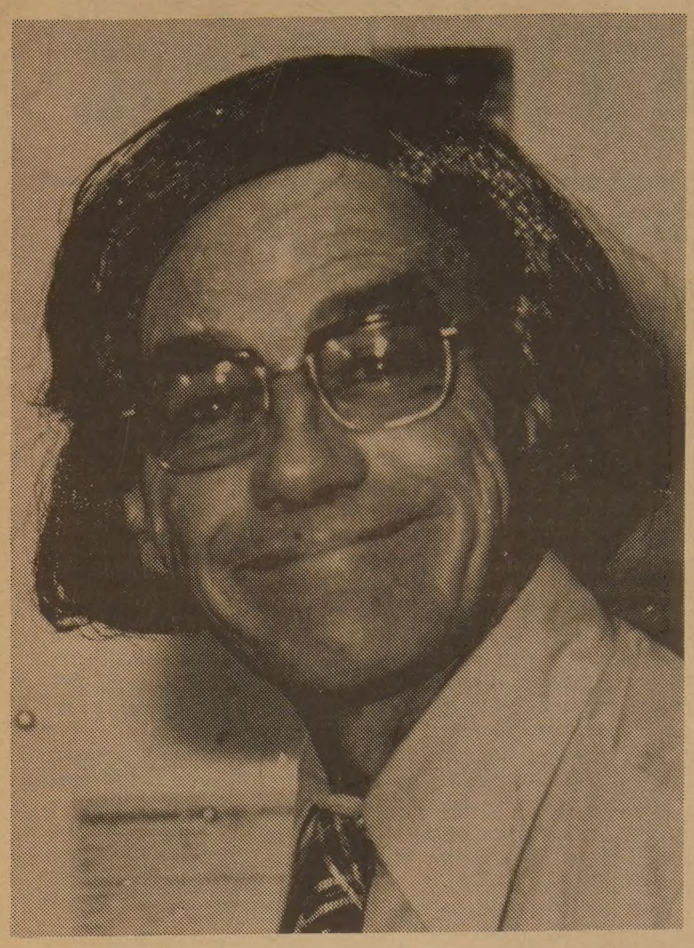


Mirror, mirror on the wall???????

Who is the fairest one of all? How is a poor mirror, accustomed to beautiful princesses and an occasional wistful witch, to deal with such a question? The Halloween Monster pictured leering wickedly above can scarcely expect a favorable answer. Would you give a treat to such an apparition? On other days at other times on other occasions, he has less hair and may be recognized as Austin Jelbert, journalism program co-ordinator.

Hort to have yearbook

A 24-page soft-cover yearbook is being planned by horticulture centre students with the hope that a yearbook from that program will be produced every year.

Karen Dubien, senior horticulture student said in the past yearbooks have come out of the St. Catharines centre, but they did nothing to insure a yearbook the next year.

Retraining students discouraged because of lack of involvement

Mary Beth Anger, acting president and vice-president/secretary of Retraining Student Senate, says retraining students are not encouraged to be a part of the college.

"We're not included. We want to be included. We're working hard."

The Senate, representing retraining students on this campus has no formal connection with the college's Student Administrative Council, but "we wish we did," she said. Because of the divergent schedules of retraining and other college students, Mary Beth said it is difficult or impossible for fellow students to attend college activities scheduled during the day.

They miss out on bands performing during the Tuesday double lunch hour, because retraining students' lunch lasts from 11:30 to 12:30. She suggested the Senate would like to "talk to SAC and see if we can work out something."

Mary Beth said when she mentioned the possibility at the latest President's Student Advisory Committee meetings of the Senate's paying the bands to start earlier, there was "no definite reply."

Mary Beth stressed the need for students of the different schools to "get to know each other," adding that she felt many "look down" on retraining students.

"Ninety-five per cent of us are really trying," she said. "It's really a fight for me and many others just to come to school."

Some are sponsored by Manpower to attend school, some have quit work to return to school, some are handicapped, and others came after being injured at work, she said.

Mary Beth, who is completing Grade 12 in acadmic upgrading and plans to go into social work, is a single parent with "five kids I have to get to school before I can come." She is also a family activity director for Parents Without Partners.

She said she would like to be able to join in educational activities sponsored by the college, such as last month's visit by Ed Broadbent, in which retraining students were unable to participate.

Mary Beth said college president Jacqueline Robarts told her since most retraining students are sponsored by Manpower, it is doubtful they would be allowed by Manpower out of class even for educational activities.

Mary Beth has been the acting president since Senate president Dave Wright had an accident "several months ago," she said. There are eight student members, with each class and the business school having a representative, and Carol Broullard as treasurer. College representatives are Duane Orr, counselling, and student services director Al Aboud, and meetings are held every other Tuesday in the staff lounge in the cafeteria.

The Senate handles students' problems and is "a liaison between the school and students." Its budget, occasionally added to by draws or contests, has been used in the past to make charitable contributions or "help students with just about anything," such as when they gave a girl a loan to buy a pair of glasses, Mary Beth said.

A major accomplishment was improvement in "the level of summer supply teaching," she said.

She has been the vice-president/secretary since May, and will be finished her course in eight weeks, when she will be replaced by Paul Dosky. She said replacements may be chosen by members leaving or by instructors, with the classes also having a say in choosing their representation.

Mary Beth invites students from other college schools to attend Retraining functions, such as the upcoming euchre tournament to be held during the lunch hour in Hennepin Hall. The date is forthcoming.

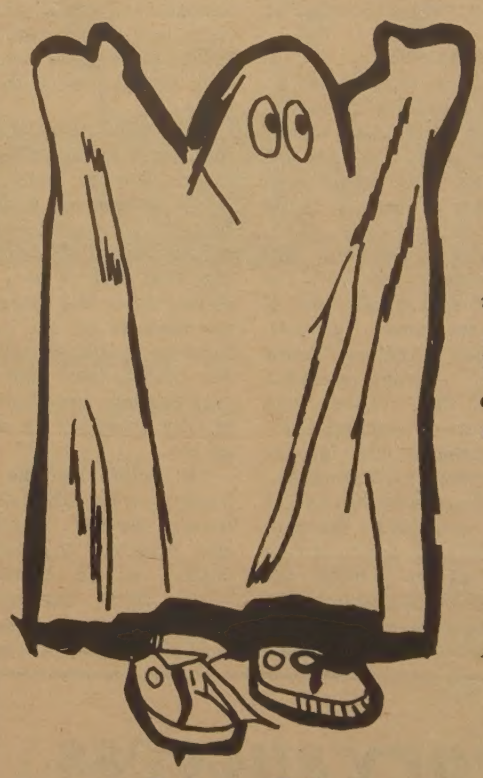
England celebrates Fawkes Day

Guy Fawkes Day, celebrated in England on Nov. 5 each year, commemorates the day in 1605 when Guy Fawkes led a group which tried to blow up King James I and Parliament. The action was perpetrated to avenge the persecution of Roman Catholics in England and is often referred to as the "gunpowder plot."

Fawkes was born in York England in 1570 and served in the Spanish army from 1593 to 1604. He was hanged in 1606 after the plot against the king failed.

LAST DAY

Final day to drop courses or withdraw without academic penalty for the fall term 1978 at Niagara College is Monday, Nov. 6.



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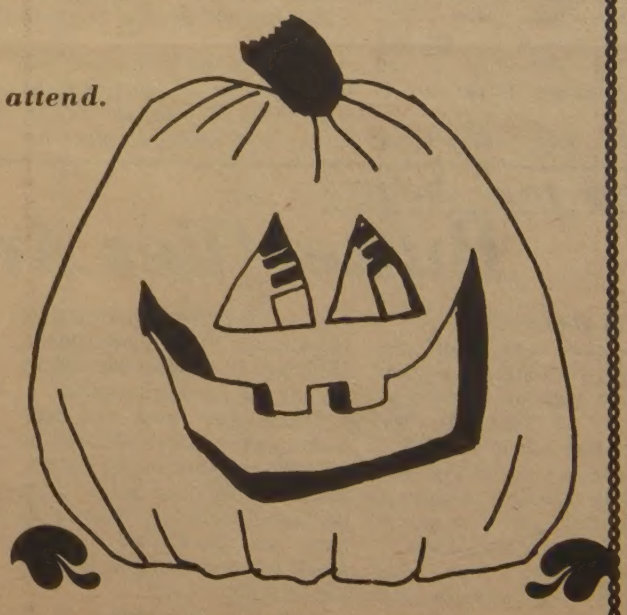

ENTERTAINMENT

Love / Laughter

Sharry Flett, star of the play, The Four Poster, is seen here scrambling from the bed upon which her husband, Michael, played by Wayne Burnett, has just thrown her. They starred in the play recently performed at Brock's College of Education theatre. Each scene takes place in their bedroom which is dominated by the fourposter bed seen in the above photograph.

In play at Brock

Bedroom scenes portray timeless study of marriage

By MICHAEL PLONER

The story line is not unusual. A young couple, just married and very much in love. Their life unfolding on stage into an entertaining and humorous voyage.

The Four Poster, written more than 30 years ago and set during the early 1900s is the timeless study of a marriage. Press Theatre presented the play at Brock University's College of Education theatre last Oct. 14, 15, 19, 20 and 21.

The play revolves around the lives of Michael and Agnes, played by Wayne Burnett and Sharry Flett. Each scene takes place in the bedroom of the couple which is dominated by a huge four poster bed.

Mr. Burnett, originally from Welland, portrayed a young writer with romantic notions and impractical ideas. Miss Fleet played the part of his devoted and loving wife. She is the guiding force and inspiration of the two.

The play opens with Michael carrying Agnes over the threshold into the bedroom. He is ecstatic and she is overcome with drink. Michael claims he can't possibly love Agnes any more than he already loves her. She says her happiness is at a peak.

Agnes proved to be more of a woman than Michael expected on the wedding night. She took the initiative in bed and finished the scene with a dazzling smile for the audience.

ALMOST BREAK UP

An affair after 11 years of marriage almost split the two. Agnes lost her composure briefly during the scene but managed to put the situation in her unique perspective. She said the affair was just medicine. "That belongs in the family medicine chest."

Michael left his mistress after Agnes realized she must respect him more.

The son of the family provided the subject for the funniest scene of the night. He was out late and Michael was waiting for him with a riding crop. While Michael was waiting, he found a bottle of bourbon in the son's room. Furious, he raced to see Agnes. She didn't express much concern and this infuriated Michael even more. He took a long pull at the bottle of bourbon.

The upshot of the scene was that the bottle was filled with three-year-old unwanted cod liver oil.

When the son finally got home, Michael could only say "good morning" because "he was wearing a top hat."

Nostalgia and maturity dominated the final act. Agnes wanted to leave Michael after the youngest was married. She felt Michael didn't need her anymore. He convinced her she should stay because her role in his life would never end. "You're my inspiration," he said.

The final scene closed with the old couple reminiscing over their wedding night and finally leaving the four poster.

Best saved for last in 3 one-act plays

By RON HOLLA

Imagine building a tower that almost reaches up to heaven and finding God may not be all too pleased with your being up there. Babel Rap, one of three one-act plays presented by the Niagara College Theatre Centre Oct. 19, presented a view of what might happen.

The plays, directed by John Rapsey, program co-ordinator, and presented by first year theatre arts students with some assistance from second year students, were a good example of what occurs when the best is saved for last. For while the first play received only moderate response, the audience warmed up to the second play and were laughing wildly at the third.

The first play, Out at Sea, portrays what may happen when three men are trapped on a raft in the ocean with no supplies. As hunger sets in, discussion revolves around food and the question is asked "Who is going to be dinner??" Once that is decided, the next problem is to convince the lucky individual to comply. The rest of the play focuses on how Thin, played by Kevin Stewart, tries to elude the coalition of Medium and Fat, played by Edgar Lapointe and Dave Gauthier.

There were a few humorous scenes in the play, especially when Medium and Fat are eyeing Thin. Humor is also provided when a postman is washed upon the little raft. The postman, played by Kevin Melanson, decides to leave the raft quickly after Fat and Medium discuss with him how to divide the body of the unfortunate one to be eaten.

AT SEA AND LOST

The audience didn't seem to react well to the large amount of rhetoric and the political undertones of the play. At times one would get lost in the definition of parliamentary democracy or the concept of justice.

Passacaglia explores how different individuals cope with the problems of old age. All kinds of individuals are there in Fairview Manor which promises "honor and dignity," — everyone from a senile soul, Miss Gibbs, who takes pleasure in catching flies, to Miss Fanshawe, who delights in being sarcastic and miserable.

Every old age home has a voice of reason and Mrs. Martelli, played by Rita Zavagnin, is that voice. Though she is blind, she actually sees further and better than anyone else there as the audience found when she spoke with Nancy, a young volunteer worker played by Sue Warnok.

It is Mrs. Rose's birthday and she, played by Marie Bisaillon, is looking forward to the arrival of her grandaughter, Alison from Montreal.

Comic relief is provided by Miss Gibbs, played by Dianne Walton, who catches flies or issues a statement that catches the audience off guard. For example as Miss Fanshawe enters the room, she says "Storm warning, Fanny's coming, storm warning."

The acting is well done with very good portrayals of old age and its problems. Miss Fanshawe was especially good as she confronted Mrs. Rose about Alison. And to show their appreciation, the audience gave the actors a good hand.

BEST TO COME

But the best was yet to come. Anyone tired of a picture of God as the Almighty way up there with no interest in those below, received a different view with Babel Rap. Two construction workers, played by Larry Hurst and Alan Lee, discover that the hard way.

It all begins with construction of a tower. Larry, the worker, is busily working away while Alan, the smoker, is busily smoking away. During their many personal confrontations, they begin to question why the tower is being built. As a direct result, they begin to wonder what happens when they get to heaven.

Heaven is pictured as many places. Worker describes it as a place with clouds and later thinks heaven is a place with golden trees and angels singing Beethoven. But smoker wonders why they should even bother to get there.

Even God does not escape their questioning, Smoker describes God as someone "who wants to get his name in the Bible."

In the midst of their questioning, God arrives in a thunderstorm. After the thunderstorm, the workers get the impression someone is watching them and a few minutes later their language gets mixed up, halting any further attempts to works together.

The actors had the audience laughing or chuckling throughout most of the play. Alan Lee, who also designed the set, was a perfect Archie Bunker while Larry Hurst represented all those religious, conscientious workers out there in the world.

First dinner theatre

Butterflies Are Free, a savory success

By JUDY SUGA

It may have been Friday the 13th, but no ills attended either the cast or audience of the play Butterflies are Free, the first dinner theatre held in Welland.

Fifty people enjoyed the Welland Little Theatre production and preceding savory supper at the Hind Quarter Steak House.

The play tells of a young blind man, tired of his mother's overpossessiveness and small-town values, who moves out on his own for the first time into a tacky Greenwich Village apartment. He hopes to support himself by singing and playing his guitar.

Second-year radio and television student Gary Sullivan won over the audience as Don Barker. His movements and his use of all his senses made one believe he really was blind, and he delivered his lines confidently and convincingly.

In the next apartment lives Jill Tanner, a 19-year-old flower child whose marriage at 16 lasted only six days. Effervescent and attractive Joyce Caveen was excellent as the young woman who uses her seductive powers on Don, but is afraid to enter into a deeper relationship.

Joan Stortz was first-rate as Mrs. Florence Barker, prudish small-town matriarch scandalized by what seems to be an "orgy" in her son's apartment, when she finds him and his friend clad in underwear only. She does show understanding, however, when she makes an about-face and encourages her son to remain on his own.

A brief but admirable appearance was made by Mahlon Longwell as Ralph Austin, a self-assured director of an off-Broadway play in which Jill was to appear nude. He shouts when speaking to Don, as if being blind means being handicapped in all areas.

Particularly effective was the love scene between Don and Jill. He was horrified when, running his hand through her hair, he felt it fall out. She reassured him it was only a hair-piece, which resulted in the appalled question, "Don't you have any hair?"

When Don stroked her face, he dislodged a false eyelash. "This is scaring the hell out of me," he exclaimed.

The play ran Oct. 13, 14, 20, and 21.

ENTERTAINMENT

Pub / Theatre

Play countdown

By RON HOLLA

It was only an hour before opening curtain, but there were no traces of nervousness or tension. Jokes were traded freely and the actors, though their faces were covered with varying amounts of make-up, seemed relaxed and at ease.

This was the make-up room just before the Niagara College Theatre Centre's presentation of three one-act plays Oct. 20. It was a scene which would be repeated each of the four nights the plays were presented.

While many of the actors were busy applying make-up, they found time to talk about their roles. Contrasts between the actors and the characters they portray became more and more obvious.

One such example was Liz Christmas and Miss Fanshawe, a character in Passacaglia. While Liz's eyes twinkle with humor, Miss Fanshawe is the epitome of bitterness and cynicism. Dianne Walton, who plays senile old Miss Gibbs in the same play, has nothing in common with her character, except perhaps her sense of humor. But she is not in the habit of catching flies, while Miss Gibbs is.

HATES HER CHARACTER

Actors have different views of the characters they portray. Liz said she really hated Miss Fanshawe because she is so mean, but now "I'm going to miss it." She was worried about how she was going to convey the character, saying she couldn't be mean enough during the rehearsals. Dianne thought playing Miss Gibbs was "a gas."

The actors began to change as they talked. Lines of old age, bitterness and happiness appeared and the actors' faces became harder or softer, depending on the character they were portraying.

A head appeared in the doorway and shouted, "Twenty minutes to curtain." The atmosphere began to change and actors departed to practise their vocals or to don their costumes.

Suddenly the call was given. "Five minutes to curtain," echoed in the room and each actor marched off. For them the evening's work had just begun.

UNICEF cards not stopped

The postal strike may have put a stop to the cards and letters, and for awhile, those nasty bills, but it won't have the same effect on the Early Childhood Education's (ECE) UNICEF Christmas cards.

Mrs. Hamilton doesn't forsee any difficulty with the delivery of the cards and expects that last year's problem of the cards being delivered to the wrong campuses will not be repeated this year.

Orders may be placed with the ECE students or by contacting the program, in Brant Annex, 735-2211, Ext. 280.

"The cards are sent by some kind of public carrier," said Margaret Hamilton, co-oridinator of the ECE program. "We just haven't got them yet."

LISA DAL BELLO

Commercial performance turns students away

By MICHAEL PLONER

Lisa Dal Bello may be a Juno award winner but her performance at Niagara College was amateurish. She used five songs from the first set to round out the second half of the show.

The repeats were quite obviously an attempt to promote her second album, Pretty Girls. Miss Dal Bello has a lot of material to choose from but decided to perform songs from the new album. Many students walked out during the second set; the commercial approach apparently turned them away.

Lisa, dressed in very tight jeans and a "Quebec Rock" T-shirt, used a tie and suspenders to create a punkish image. Her highly energized style partly saved the repetitive song choices.

The band proved its worth in the opening number. An instrumental funk fusion jazz song, with an excellent piano solo, provided the vehicle for the band's talent.

Ron Garrant, Earl Leader, Bob Gusevs, Tony Kanchaik and Peter Follett backed Lisa Oct. 18 in the cafeteria.

The band performed Anything, Talisman and My Mind's Made before Lisa began her performance. She opened on Daydream, a mo-town rhythm with Lisa providing the Dianna Ross sounding vocals.

Some feedback problems entered half-way through the first set, Still in Love and Paula had some sound problems but they were soon overcome.

Dreams, a bluesy song with a mellow guitar solo followed by the 40's bounce of Hollywood and the hard-driving Pretty Girls, closed out the first set.

Lisa turned it on in the second set using cat-like grace to move across the stage. Rock and roll dominated the tone of the second half of the show.

The five new songs of the second set were: Lost Without, Look at Me, Stay with Me, Miracle Maker and Snow White.

Ribbon sale for heart fund

Ribbon roses will be on sale Nov. 7 in front of the library from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and in the cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The last rose sale netted $69 for the Heart Fund.

Welland Vale welders win euchre tourney

Welding students appeared to dominate the euchre tournament held last week at the Welland Vale centre.

The winners were welding students Jim Gordineer and Bill Girier of team five.

Team nine placed second in the championship with Steve McDonagh, drafting, and Paul Woodward, industrial electrician, participating.

The third-place winners were both from the welding program as well. Kevin Toderick and Kevin Rowan comprised team 10.

Joe Asner, president of the student senate at the Welland Vale centre, said the tournament had started out with 10 teams and was gradually narrowed to the three.

Euchre and checker tournaments appear to be favorite pastimes among the Welland Vale students as they are held about once a month.

SAC GOVERNS

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is the governing and legislative body of all students in diploma and certificate full-time day programs. Its members are elected annually as representatives of the student body.

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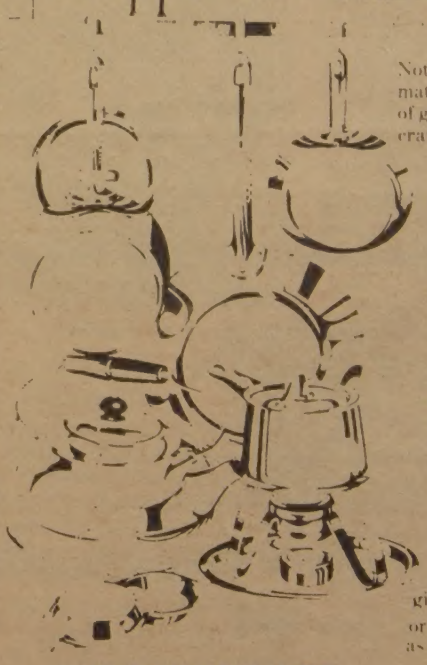
Niagara Sports Report, with John Killip, Ed Zanetti
6:50 p.m. LIVE Niagara Basketball (2 hours)
with Jerry Salfi and Larry Cote.

Nov. 9 Classical European Cuisine #5
Black Forest Torte
Sexual Assault (guest speaker)

Copperware collection



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Students on the community college level are not represented on their Boards of Governors while university students are.

The main hindrance to college students being represented is that their short stay at school doesn't permit a long enough tenure, said Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president.

Miss Robarts said most of the Board members stay four to eight years and the short term of the student representative would break down the continuity.

Miss Robarts said university students have representatives because most university programs run three years or longer and the representative can devote more time to the job.

Miss Robarts said the request for representation has been made the last four years by community college students to the Council of Regents. Last year's Council of Regents rejected the concept by an 8-7 vote.

"Personally it wouldn't bother me," Miss Robarts said. "We encourage students to come to meetings."

Niagara grows

Registration in continuing education at Niagara is up 30 per cent over last fall to 4,691, 1,085 more, according to figures released by the Registrar's Office Oct. 18.

College officials credit the significant increase to expanded public interest in continuing education courses and the mass distribution of the college's course offerings in the Niagara peninsula.

Full-time registration now stands at 2,544, an increase from last year's figure of 2,422.

The school of retraining reported a 19 per cent increase at the end of September, from 436 to 544.

In continuing education, the school of health sciences showed the greatest increase, with 345 registrations, compared to 244 last year, a 41 per cent increase. The school of technology showed a 33 per cent increase, with 951 registrations over 715 last year.

Registrations in the school of applied arts increased 32 per cent, from 831 to 1,100. The community education division of applied arts showed an increased enrolment of 1,022, 25 per cent more than last year's 813.

The school of business, which had the highest enrolment last year, increased its registrations from 1,003 to 1,273, a 26 per cent increase.

Theatre move?

A resolution to seek further funding for a feasibility study on moving the theatre arts program to new facilities on main campus has been presented to the finance committee of the Board of Governors.

The committee passed the resolution Oct. 11 and asked John Rapsey, co-ordinator of theatre arts, to form a committee to oversee the feasibility study.

Mr. Rapsey said the idea he had in mind for new facilities was a theatre centre on main campus which would be open to the public as well as the theatre arts program.

To better reach the masses, put AV in those classes

By PAUL WILSON

If the students of Niagara College begin to accuse their instructors of churning out dull, lack-lustre lectures, they may be quite justified. It appears faculty is carefully avoiding a goldent opportunity to bring some sparkle to the classroom.

Dorothy Schmidt, who teaches a four-term course called Instructional Media, has a vast array of audio-visual equipment and service ready to be utilized by faculty. But they don't seem to be responding.

Twice this year, in May and September, Miss Schmidt has sent out a memo "extending the services of the Instructional Media course to the faculty of Niagara." The memo includes a lengthy list of AV-oriented tasks that can be handled by the students.

"The use of AV can really make instruction come alive," Miss Schmidt said. "We've got 63 different machines that can be utilized — such as tape recorders, movie and slide projectors, VTR units, cameras, splicers, dissolve units, language masters and laminating machines."

The students in the Instructional Media course get extensive practical experience.

Each member of the class puts together a synchronized slide-tape presentation. "These are actually used in teaching," Miss Schmidt said. "We keep a library of the cassettes and tapes. They aren't just essays that might end up in the garbage."

As part of Awareness Week, held earlier this month to publicize the problems of the handicapped, the students worked on a presentation that was shown at the Niagara Square shopping centre. They will be involved as well in the Celebrate Canada Festival, coming up in February.

The greatest number of students in Instructional Media are from the educational resource technician program. Those in the library technician program take the course as well. There is only one student from the general college program, and Miss Schmidt feels there should be more.

Dorothy Schmidt, who teaches Instructional Media, would be glad to tell you all about the college's AV facilities. (Photo by Wilson)

She says good AV jobs in many fields are available to graduates. One could work for the AV department of a police force or hospital. Industry needs people to develop safety presentations, and business uses AV personnel for sales meetings and conferences.

One course graduate, Sherrie Doucette, has a part-time position assisting George A. Blazetich, chairman of liberal studies. Mr. Blazetich puts sight and sound to work in his classes, (including, on occasion, having his students walk into a lecture to the accompaniment of 18th century music) and Sherrie is there to see that the films and music run smoothly.

There may be some faculty members who are noticing that the snoring is now competing pretty seriously with their droning. Any instructors who've decided that it's time to breathe new life into old lectures are invited to contact Miss Schmidt. She says that, of the response she has received, the most popular requests are for slide-tape presentations, movies, making up signs, library research, inventory cataloging and producing bulletin boards. Rush jobs are not encouraged, but Miss Schmidt indicated that she and her students make a real effort to deliver the goods.

Good demand for ambulance grads

By MARGARET BOYD

Ambulance drivers have gone back to school. Since the Ambulance Act of 1975, a diploma from a one-year college program is compulsory now, Jennifer Cormier, program co-ordinator of ambulance and emergency care, said.

The ministry of health and the Ontario medical association recognised the need to upgrade the image of the ambulance driver, she said.

Last year was the first year Niagara College offered the program. Out of 12 students, 11 graduated Mrs. Cormier said. Former students are employed in Welland, St. Catharines and Kirkland Lake.

There is a demand for ambulance and emergency care graduates throughout Ontario. There are 21 students enrolled in the program in Hennepin Hall this term.

The Ambulance Act requires graduates to work for a 12-month period, then write a government exam. If the exam is passed, the title "emergency medical care assistant" is given to the ambulance drivers and attendants, Mrs. Cormier said.

"There are many women working across the province in ambulance work; three of last year's graduates were women," she said.

Besides program co-ordinator, Mrs. Cormier teaches emergency patient care, ambulance service and a clinical day once a week. A Welland native, she has been at Niagara College for five years. She taught at the Mack Centre of Nursing for three years.

Since an F licence is needed to drive an ambulance, the students do not practise driving ambulances, but they ride as third man in the ambulances for training, she said. Throughout the term students stage accident rescue demonstrations on the college campus.

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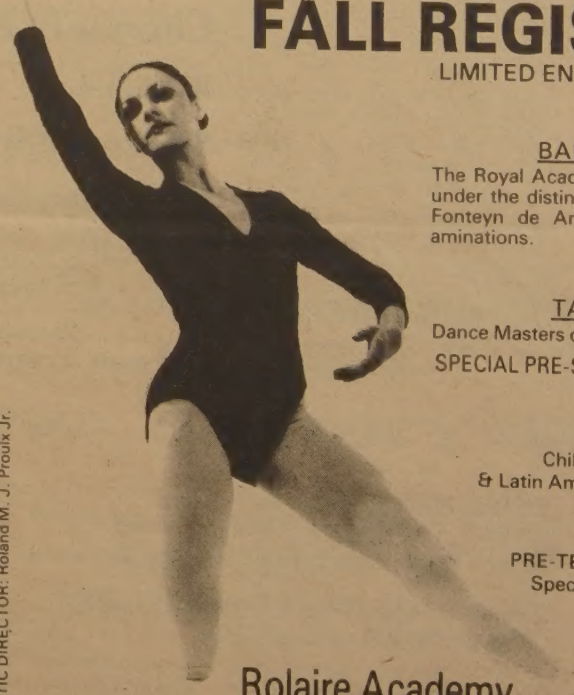

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SPORTS

Larry Mills (23) shows his delight after Niagara Knights score yet another goal in their 11-3 rout of the Mohawk College Mountaineers at Welland Arena Oct. 21. (Photo by Brodie)

Knights win hockey opener 11-3 against Mohawk Mountaineers

Paul Berstling, Randy Kerr and Mark Patterson combined for seven goals to lead the Niagara Knights to a 11-3 win over Mohawk Mountaineers in their season opener at the Welland Arena.

Although it was a non-league game, Knights coach Fred Bassi considered the win important in light of last year's poor record.

"It was a good game for us," he said. "When you have a season like we had last year, you hope that the first game is a good one for you."

Berstling, Niagara's leading scorer a year ago, led the Knights' scoring assault with three goals, while Kerr and Patterson chipped in with a pair of markers each. Kerr, Niagara's top returning scorer, assisted on all of Berstling's goals.

Other marksmen for Niagara included Don Frenette, Gerald Sebastiany, Larry Carter and Mike Chartrand. Gigi Bertoli replied twice for Mohawk, while John Thomas got the other Mountaineer goal.

Niagara wasted no time in getting on the scoreboard, as Berstling broke in alone on Mohawk starting goaltender Rick Sullivan and beat him cleanly with a high wrist shot after just 40 seconds of play. Sullivan was later replaced by Bruce Lea as the Niagara lead grew.

Mohawk tied the game on a power play goal by Bertoli at 11:30, but Berstling gave Niagara the lead back just 47 seconds later with his second goal of the game. Frenette scored about five minutes later to give Niagara a 3-1 lead at the end of the period.

Niagara starting goaltender Jim Pearce, who shared net-minding duties with Mike Mulder, was especially brilliant in the first period, particularly when Mohawk had a two-man advantage.

"He (Pearce) is a good goaltender ," Bassi said. "He made some good saves and kept us in the game at that point."

The Knights put the game away early in the second period when Patterson and team captain Sebastiany scored within a 31-second span. Bertoli scored his second goal for Mohawk at 13:27, but Patterson restored Niagara's four-goal advantage with his second goal about three minutes later.

Penalties marred the period, as eight minors were handed out to both teams. All but one of the penalties were received in a five-minute stretch in the middle of the period.

Mulder made his best save of the game in this period, stopping Bertoli on a breakaway with a sliding pad save.

Niagara blew the game open with five straight goals in the third period. Berstling completed his hat trick on a beautiful two-on-one pass play with Kerr, who scored both of his goals in the onslaught. Carter and Chartrand scored for the Knights in the period.

Mohawk began to get desperate in the latter half of the period, firing many shots from near centre ice which were easy for Mulder to handle.

The Mountaineers finally scored with 23 seconds left in the game when the Knights made a mistake on a face-off, an event which displeased Bassi.

"We were sloppy in our own end," he said. "We are going to have to work on face-offs near our net."

Mohawk tried to rough it up with the Knights in the final minutes, but Niagara more than held their own.

"We are stronger physically than last year," Bassi said. "Mohawk has had bigger guys before, but they're going to have to rely on quickness more than aggressiveness this year."

Niagara peppered Sullivan and Lea with 50 shots in the game, while Pearce and Mulder had to handle 36 Mountaineer shots.

Eighteen minor penalties were handed out in the game, with Niagara receiving 10 of them.

Bassi said Niagara "will give everyone a good run" when the Knights begin league play early next month.

Three stars return as team nucleus

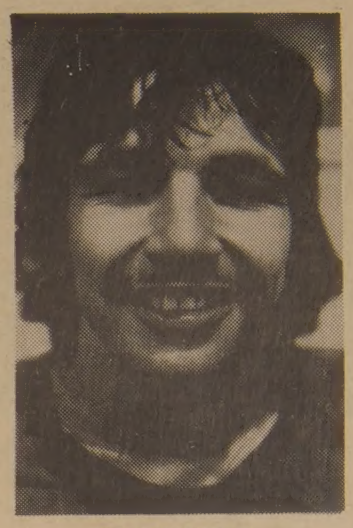
Three star players returned to form the nucleus of the 1978-79 Niagara Knights hockey team.

Randy Kerr and Paul Berstling, last year's top scorers, and Steve Bustard, the 1977-78 most valuable player, will combine to give Niagara a potent line.

"They complement each other very well," Knights' coach Fred Bassi said. "You have a digger (Bustard), a scooter (Berstling), and a good all-round player (Kerr)."

Bassi called Kerr, St. Catharines, "a top hockey player with good puck sense." He said wingers Bustard of Woodstock, N.B., and Berstling of Thorold are good in their own ways.

"Bustard is all hustle, a digger who fears nobody. Berstling knows how to put the puck in the net."



RANDY KERR

LOOKS FOR LEADER

Bassi said he is looking for leadership from Gerald Sebastiany, a forward-defenceman whom he termed "a real hustler."

Bassi said Niagara will have better goaltending this year, along with good skating forwards. "Jim Pearce and Mike Mulder are both good. I also want to work in another goaltender in the Brock (Niagara's second opponent) game."

The Knights' coach said the team needs work defensively because of a lack of depth.

"We just don't have enough bodies," he said. "If we run into injuries or lose a player because of fighting, we're in trouble. I may have to convert some forwards to add some depth."

SHOULDER INJURY

The situation has been aggravated by the loss of Andy MacKenzie, who will be shelved for two weeks with a shoulder injury.

"He is a good hockey player, but we'll just have to wait and see about him," Bassi said. "He may only be a fifth defenceman if Sebastiany stays at that position."

Bassi said this situation will dictate the style of hockey the team plays.

"If we feel our defence is tiring or weak, we could come back more," he said. "However, we will probably take more chances because of our goaltending. We may get caught a few times, but if the goalies bail us out, it will build the players' confidence."

THREE NEWCOMERS

Bassi said three newcomers will help the team this year.

"Andy Cieri, Welland, a big man, and Mark Patterson, St. Catharines, will both add to this team, while Brett Bellaire, Welland, is a good positional hockey player who you will see a lot of."

Togetherness will make this a more exciting hockey team, Bassi said.

"This is something we lacked last year," he said. "It will be the key to our success this season. I, as a coach, will strive for it and I hope the players will, too."

Must have teamwork, intensity if men's basketball to succeed

Teamwork and intensity will determine how much success Niagara's men's basketball team will have in 1978-79.

New head coach **Don Lesco** said the Knights, who will play in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association western division, must play well together this year to be successful.

"Team play is the key to this season because we don't have enough outstanding individuals to win on ability alone. Whether they will play together remains to be seen."

"They will have to be a running team to make up for their deficiencies. Balanced scoring will be necessary."

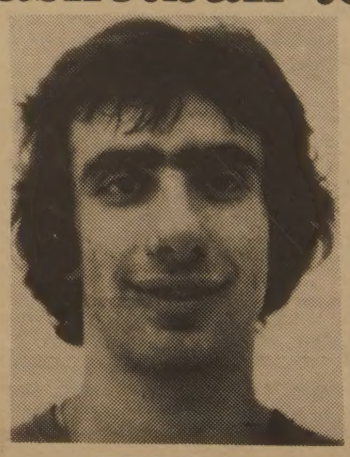
Lesco said the Knights will also need "other factors" to win this year.

"We have to play with intensity, play harder, and hustle a bit more because we can't get by on ability alone."

CRITICAL FACTOR

Lesco pointed to the youth and experience of this year's team as a critical factor in its success.

"We don't have a lot of people back, so I have no idea of what is going to happen during the season. However, there is a lot of raw talent on hand."



TED KICINSKI

Only three players return for the Knights this season — centre **Ted Kicinski**, guard **Doug Smith** and forward **Dave Damude**. Lesco said Kicinski will have to shoulder much of the rebounding responsibility this season.

Assistant coach **Tim Gurnick** said Niagara has "a good man inside in Kicinski", but added that Niagara's strength this year will be in the backcourt.

"Our strength is with our guards, particularly in handling the ball," he said. "We also expect to get some points from them."

MOTION OFFENCE

The Knights will use a motion offence this year, which is predicated on good ball handling and passing as well as movement away from the ball.

Only one guard will be used, along with two wingers (or swingmen, one forward and a centre. "The wingers can be forwards or guards," Gurnick said.

Niagara will stick mainly to a man-to-man defence this year, an area where Lesco said the team "has lots of work to do."

Both Lesco and Gurnick agreed that Mohawk, St. Clair, Seneca, Centennial and Sheridan will be the "big five" in Niagara's division this year.

Gurnick said the first two are usually good, while Sheridan is a "maybe" this year.

"You are talking about Hamilton, Toronto, and Windsor—the border cities," Lesco said.

Niagara will open the season in the Durham Tournament at Oshawa Oct. 27-28.

Niagara's junior varsity eight. Standing from left to right, are Jim Woodhouse, Bill Van Oosten, Ed Thiessen, Bill Stic, Randy Janzen, Ron Muntz, Ed Pizzicala, and Harvey Forester. Kneeling in front is Michele Tetrault, cox. (Photo by Brodie)

London and Hamilton regattas successful for rowing club

Beats Brock

The men's and women's coxed fours continued their success for Niagara's rowing club at the Universtiy of Western Ontario regatta in London Oct. 21.

The men's coxed four won their second consecutive race, beating Brock University, Trent University, the University of Toronto, and the University of Western Ontario.

The women's coxed four also picked up their second straight victory, knocking off a field that included the host Western crew.

Ivar Noren, organizer of the club, said it planned to enter a men's "varsity eight" at the Brock University regatta in St. Catharines last Saturday, the last big meet of the year.

The club will meet Canisius College in a regatta the following Saturday but, "it will be just a friendly kind of meet," Mr. Noren said.

Two wins

Niagara's new rowing club picked up its first two wins ever at the McMaster Invitational Regatta Oct. 14.

The men's and women's coxed fours both emerged victorious in their events in the meet held at the Hamilton Leander Boat Club.

The winning men's crew included Jeff Davidson, Bob Kolenski, John Allman, and Hubert van Oosten, stroke.

The women's crew consisted of Dana Clare, Julie Praeger, Kathy Erskine, and Nancy Gill, stroke. Michele Tetrault was the coxswain for both crews.

The third crew entered by Niagara, the men's junior varsity eight, lost some oars early in the race and finished well back of the field.

Ivar Noren, chairman of the division of applied management and club organizer, said it was a "real good regatta," and gave praise to Tom Boyer, coach of the club for his efforts.

"It was a real credit to the coach. He works out in the morning with the men and in the evening with the women."

Mr. Noren said the winners were "concerned" that they did not win any medals or trophies. "Only the eights are recognized in this manner."

College frisbee team ranks high at Guelph

Six members of the Niagara College frisbee team ranked high in competitions at the first varsity frisbee tournament held at Guelph University.

Niagara won one second and two third place positions in the Oct. 14 competition which was won by Brock University.

Matt (Smokey) McCormick and Bob Roset, St. Catharines, first year radio and television arts students, won a third place position in the freestyle competition.

This event includes tricking the frisbee for nine minutes with players tossing the frisbee to the best of their ability, Matt said. The event is scored by a panel of judges and the group receiving the least number of faults wins the round.

In the "guts" competition, teams hurl the frisbee at each other at speeds reaching 90 m.p.h., Matt said. "They travel so fast it's hard to tell what color they are."

Matt said frisbee throwing is a very competitive sport and is not "just a bunch of flunkies throwing a frisbee around."

Niagara College placed second in the guts competition and third in the "ultimate event."

Matt identified other members of the guts squad as Jeff Seeburg, radio and television arts; Mark Easson, general college; Heinz Rednik, construction engineering; and Wayne Syrja, carpentry.

Teams competing included Guelph University, three teams representing Brock University and a professional team from Toronto.

Jim Kenner and Gale McColl, Canadian frisbee freestyle champions, also attended the event.

The Niagara College frisbee team, which calls itself the out-of-control club, is the only college team in Ontario. The club is planning to stage the first college varsity tournament in the coming year, and hopes to hold a demonstraton of frisbee throwing techniques for mentally retarded children in the Welland area, Matt said.

Other upcoming events include a varsity tournament at McMaster University in November and the fourth annual Ontario frisbee championships at Brock University in January.

The club practises Sunday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the college gym. New members are still being accepted.

SPORTS

Intramural curling to start Thursday

Curling enthusiasts will have a chance to get their brooms out of the closet when the sport begins intramurally at Niagara this Thursday, Nov. 2.

Robert Young, marketing instructor, said a number of teams have already been entered by students and faculty.

"We will probably have six to eight teams, with definitely a minimum of four from the faculty. We hope to have four student teams as well."

Mr. Young said faculty teams have already been formed by instructors in the schools of applied arts, technology and business. "The only school we have had no response from yet is health sciences."

Even those who have never curled before are welcome to play. "We are out to have fun, and that's what curling is all about," Mr. Young said.

BEGINNERS ON TUESDAYS

He said beginners and those who want to have fun will play on Tuesdays, while the others will play on Thursdays.

"The hardened curlers, faculty who want to sharpen their skills, and those wanting to compete at intercollegiate curling will play on Thursdays.

"We will play a round-robin series on both days, which should make for some interesting competition."

Mr. Young said registration by anyone interested "is not set in bronze," but added that anyone who happened to quit should give notice ahead of time so that a replacement could be found. A spares list will be kept for such a purpose.

Competition will begin early this month, run until the Christmas break, and then resume in January.

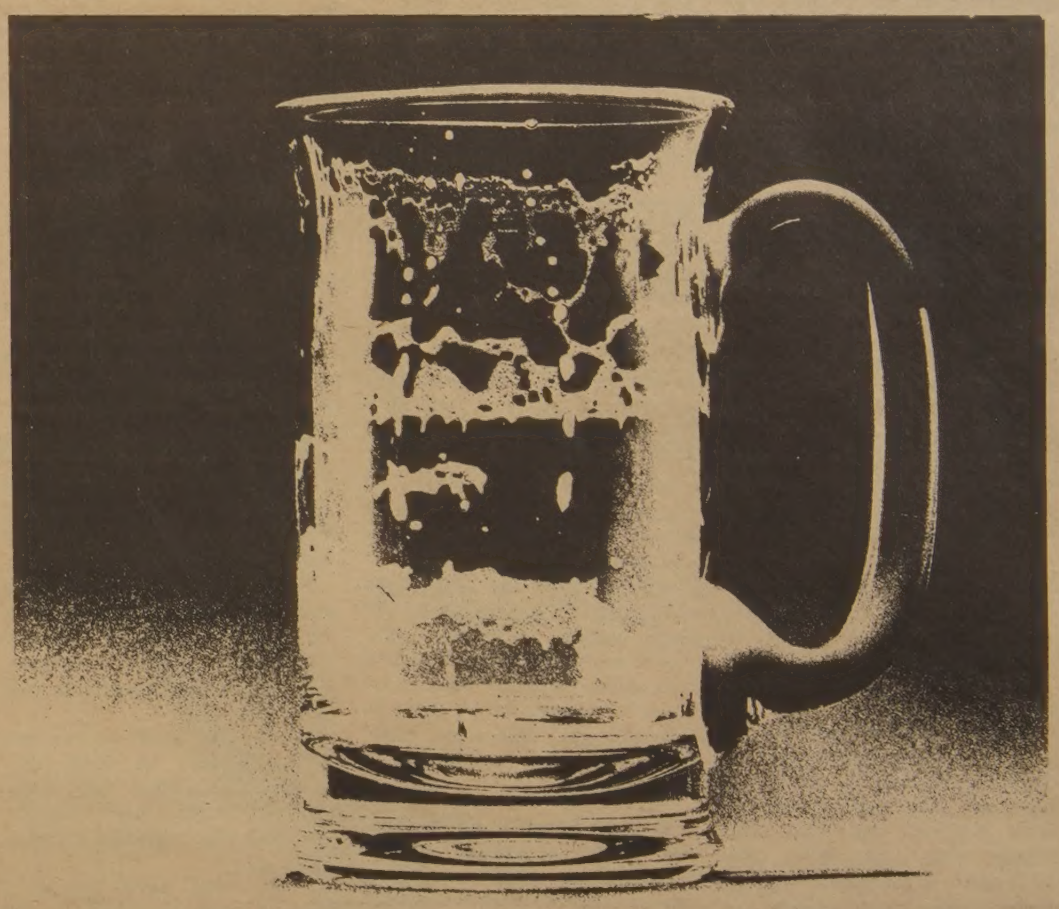
Scheduled sports for Niagara

Upcoming sports events at Niagara College (Oct. 30-Nov. 13)

Hockey: St. John Fisher at Niagara, Nov. 4, 8 p.m.; Niagara at Nichols, Buffalo N.Y.,Nov. 10, 9 p.m.; Alumni vs. Niagara, Nov. 11, 8 p.m.

Men's basketball: Durham Tournament, Oct. 27-28, Oshawa; Conestoga at Niagara, Nov. 2, 7 p.m.; Niagara at Fanshawe, London, Nov. 9, 8 p.m.

Ladies basketball: Niagara at Seneca, Toronto, Nov. 1, 6:15 p.m.; Niagara at Fanshawe, London, Nov. 9, 6 p.m.



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SPORTS

Lanky legs requested

Wanted: One tall, long-legged female basketball player to play centre for Niagara College's women's basketball team.

Coach Russ Stevenson has high hopes for the Knights this year, even if he doesn't find a tall centre.

"I have an excellent bunch of shooters," Russ said. "Nancy Petro, Anne Rossi, Cathy Sczeleck and Julie Cecco are good outside shooters, with Julie scoring 21 points in the last game," he said.

The Knights played three exhibition games against senior high school teams, Eastdale, Laura Secord and E. L. Crossley, winning all three.

The Knights open their season with Seneca Nov. 1 in Toronto. "I'm expecting a tough game, but we have good defence. The girls have been able to shut down on a 9 to 11 point lead in 20 minutes," Russ said.

Niagara and Seneca split a two-game series last year. Russ has no idea of the competition the Knights face this year, but said the Mohawk team would be the one to watch.

Julie Cecco, most valuable player last year, and Cathy Sczeleck played for the Hamilton Bobcats this summer, under coach Earl Begg, and the team placed second in the Canadian championships against British Columbia. Begg is coaching Mohawk this year.

The Knights' first home game will be 7:00 p.m. Nov. 14 against George Brown.

Team members are: Suzanne St. Laurent, Valerie Nieuwesteeg, Sharon Nixon, Erica Bullen, Barb Cort, Julie Cecco, Chris McMahon, Candace Starshuk, Nancy Petro, Terry Colosimo, Anne Rossi and Solange Carreau.

Niagara runner places ninth, says faster pace needed to win

Mark Lowe, a second-year electronic technician, thinks he "should have run five minutes faster" in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association's (OCAA) cross-country championships held Oct. 21 at Churchill Field, Hamilton.

Mark placed ninth in the 4.35-mile run, finishing in 30.04 minutes.

Roland Brack, a Mohawk College student, placed first with a time of 25.38 minutes.

Mark ran at an even pace, remaining at the number nine position throughout the race. Sixty-six men were entered in the cross-country championships.

DROPPED OUT

Niagara's other entry, Rick Detenbeck, a third-year data processing student, dropped out of the race after running two miles of the course. Rick had twisted his knee earlier in the month at an invitational meet in Scarborough.

Rick said his knee started to hurt after running less than a mile. "Going up those hills is what killed me," he said.

Rick was to have seen a doctor about his twisted knee, but he decided against it and ran anyway.

Fred Bassi, cross-country coach and athletic, assistant, said the race was "very good".

Mr. Bassi said it was good if a runner at least finished the race.

INCLUDED BRUSH

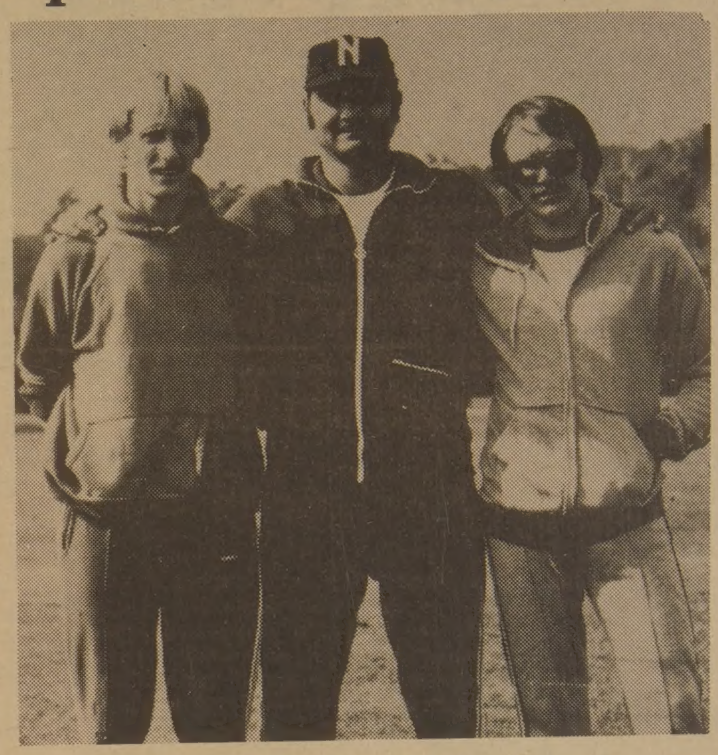
The race, held at Churchill Field near McMaster University, involved running a course of steep hills, open meadows and, at times, underbrush. Mark Lowe said the race was "tough".

Most runners didn't have a problem with the cold since it was a sunny day with the temperature about 18 degrees Celsius.

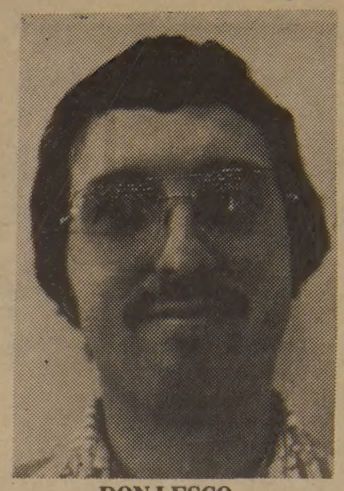
This was the first year Niagara College had a cross-country team. Mr. Bassi hopes for a bigger team next year. He said cross-country is a "growing sport".

"Last year the championships only had 40 people running," he said. "This year there were *about 100 and 66 of them were* men."

He said OCAA is thinking of extending the men's championship course to six miles next year.



Mark Lowe, left, Fred Bassi, Rick Detenbeck, right



DON LESCO

New coach a winner

Don Lesco, Niagara's new basketball coach, brings an impressive track record with him to the college.

Lesco, a high school teacher in Port Colborne, coached boys' and girls' basketball while teaching for the last 12 years at Lockview Park Secondary School and Port Colborne High School.

While coaching at Lockview Park, Lesco's boys' teams won two Southern Ontario Secondary School Association titles and three zone championships. His girls' teams reached the zone finals twice.

Lesco, an English teacher and guidance counsellor at Lockview Park, will be assisted in his coaching duties by Tim Gurnick, a third year business student at Niagara.

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Woman's viewpoint

'They could be more polite'

By JUDY SUGA

While I was covering the Saturday night hockey game between the Niagara Knights and the Mohawk Mountaineers, a thought occurred to me — the players' manners were atrocious. Why grown men would ever want to play with sticks on the ice is beyond me. They hit each other far too much and never said excuse me.

It was of greatest interest, however, to note their jerseys. Niagara sported blue knit suits of polyester blend in most delicious shades of blue. Matching socks, shorts, and skates completed the ensemble.

Mohawk's team suggested a more ebullient alma mater, with black and daffodil-yellow suits emblazoned with elaborate numbers and each man's name. Only one player on the Mohawk side had the presence of mind to tuck his shirt in his hockey shorts.

JUDY SUGA

One Mohawk player spent the entire game in this drab compartment someone told me was called "a pennulty box." I wondered what he was doing there until I realized he just wanted to make eyes at yours truly.

He taught me some of that hockey vernacular. Actually, he made a pass but it wasn't accepted. He tried to score a goal unassisted, but he was off-side and my defence was impenetrable. After going into overtime, he received penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct, holding and roughing.

Robin Hood fans join Archery Club

While things may not be exactly on target for the Archery Club thus far, Jim Little still thinks he can hit the bull's-eye and bring about the return of archery to Niagara after an absence of six years.

A meeting for those interested in forming an Archery Club was called for Thursday Oct. 19, but only one person showed up. However Jim, a third year construction engineering student from Burlington, is still optimistic because 12 people have expressed interest in forming a club and he is calling a meeting for tomorrow at 12:30 in room S105C.

"This meeting is to see when people can go and shoot," he said. "The gym is the only place we can shoot."

Jim, a member of an archery club in university, felt archery would be a good thing for Niagara.

"I saw some targets out in the lawn," he said. "So I said why not?"

He talked to Peter Rylander, athletic director, who said he is going to help and Fred Bassi, athletic assistant, who found bows and arrows in the gym from the previous club. As well Frank Ciccarelli, chairman of the Electrical Chemical Division of the School of Technology, who was involved with the previous club, has expressed interest.

Jim said the activities of the proposed club would include target practice and the possibility of competition with other archery clubs.

"I just want to get together to shoot and talk," he said.

College enters first team in grid tourney

Niagara College entered a touch football team for the first time, in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) tournament held last weekend at Hamilton's Mohawk College.

The tournament, held all day Saturday, had 14 teams vying for the championships, including last year's winners, Mohawk.

The teams were split into groups and played a round robin, the teams with the best record advancing to the semi-finals. It was the third year for the tournament.

Players for the Niagara College team were selected from participants in the school's house league.

Results from the tounament were unavailable at press time.

Knights to be tough , rival says

Niagara, according to a rival coach, will be one of the top teams in the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League this year.

"I was talking to the Erie Community College coach, and he said Canisius, Niagara, and Erie Community would be the three powerhouses," Knights' coach Fred Bassi said. "However, I won't go out on a limb and say he is right."

Here are Bassi's evaluations of the six teams in Niagara's divisions: St. John Fisher: "...just starting to build their program."

Gannon: "...past records indicate they will always be competitive..." Buffalo State: "...big enough to be good, but have not shown it yet..." Niagara University: "...same outlook as Buffalo State..." Erie Community College: "...in the league two years, won title both times. Will be strong again..." Canisius: '...looking towards a move to a higher division. Might be looking at building towards it this year..."

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, congratulates winners of this year's Corpsuckle Cup: Sue Conway, on behalf of first year human relations; Eleanor Rowan, for second year dental hygiene; Bernadette Brown, second year health records; and Larry Mills, second year surveying. (Photo by Wilson)

Award second Corpsuckle Cup to four winning classes

The gleaming Corpsuckle Cup, awarded in honor of the college's top blood donors, was presented last Tuesday to a total of four classes, each of which obtained an unprecedented 100 per cent registration rate.

Winning classes — their names are attached to the cup with a bandaid — were: human relations, first year, dental hygiene, second year, health records, second year, and surveying, second year.

The official ceremonies were attended by delegations from all the winning classes. Euguene L. Maltais, founder of the cup contest said the cup was introduced "both to develop a good supply of blood, and to build within Niagara College what I call 'the old college spirit.'"

"We were extremely pleased with the turnout at this year's blood donor clinic and we thank all who were involved, either by publicizing the event or donating. I know that there were a number of students who could not donate because of the long lineups. We sincerely appreciate their efforts."

Mr. Maltais said that next year, working with Red Cross officials, there would be an attempt to streamline the operation and reduce the lineups.

MORE THAN EXPECTED

Yvette Bisson, president of the Welland chapter of the Red Cross, attended the awards. The Niagara clinic was the first one that Mrs. Bisson had run. She'd been told in advance by Red Cross organizers that "it would be an easy clinic, with no more than 200 people." More than 400 turned out.

Mrs. Bisson singled out the efforts of her "right hand man", Rosanne Garisto, Student Administrative Council's vice-president of external affairs. Rosanne acted as co-ordinator and runner "for kids, cups and juice," for the clinic.

Mrs. Bisson said Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara president, helped out "going from room to room getting people, and giving blood herself."

It was Miss Robarts who actually presented the cup to the winning classes. After doing so, she approached Mr. Maltais.

"While you don't get a cup, maybe I can express my appreciation in another way," she said, and the surprised cup organizer was rewarded with a kiss on his cheek.

Mr. Maltais makes no apologies for the Corpsuckle Cup itself: "A trophy, like a good wine, is not very pretentious." He does admit however that part of the cup did indeed come from a second hand shop in St. Catharines. And he does agree that the resemblance of the trophy base to a Prestone anti-freeze container could be more than sheer coincidence.

The trophy is now in the hands of the second year Dental Hygiene class, which is the first of the four winners to take a turn at displaying their prize.

Staff ups pledges to United Way

Niagara College faculty have outdone themselves this year. They contributed more than $5,800 to the Welland United Way this year, exceeding last year's contributions of cash, cheques and payroll deductions.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said English instructors Sue Reinhart and Marti Jurmain , co-ordinators of the college campaign, did a "tremendous job". The average pledge would have been about $10, Miss Robarts said, with 450 full-time instructors employed at the college. Students also contributed.

The response was "most enthusiastic," Mrs. Jurmain said. Faculty members pledged more this year than ever before, she said. There were 29 college canvassers.

For every dollar pledged, 90½ cents goes to member agencies. Eight per cent goes to organizational cost, Mrs. Jurmain said.

The United Way of Welland and District assists 21 agencies, including Sunset Haven Day Care, Big Brothers of Welland and County, the Niagara Regional Youth Home, the Canadian Red Cross and the Ontario March of Dimes.

Faye Owen, of the Welland and District United Way, 636 King St., said $132,879 was raised as of Oct. 24. The 1978 Welland campaign objective is $251,465.

HUNDREDS WORK

The total number of canvassers for the Welland campaign is in the hundreds, Mrs. Owen said. Businesses, schools

Miss Robarts hopes to encourage more student involvement at the college next year. She said a slave auction using faculty members was very successful at Humber College for raising money, and students benefited from the experience organizing the events. Miss Robarts was principal of Humber's North Campus for three years, and became academic vice-president in January, 1977, before coming to Niagara College.

"Students should remember the fun things at college," Miss Robarts said. "As you get people involved, they begin to care, and make money." Generating ideas earlier in the year, working with the Student Administrative Council and various programs would raise dollars for the cause and would be a learning experience for everyone, she said.

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Recreation space granted, but computer's in the way

By DOUG SMITH

Students have been given 1,150 square feet of space in the MacKenzie building for a recreation area with one hitch — they cannot move in until the computer that occupies the space now is moved out.

The School of Business was given the rest of the space, in rooms M3, M4 and M5, for development of a typing area.

The compromise was reached by Arnot McIntee, dean of the school of business, and A.S. Aboud, director of student services, after a dispute arose about the dispersal of space.

However, the college has not received a suitable offer for the computer that now occupies the area, and nothing can be done until it is sold and moved.

Gary Gizzie, Student Administrative Council (SAC) vice-president for athletics, said he is "satisfied with the decision" and "just wants to get the computer out of there." He said it may be January or even next fall before the students can get into the area.

Mr. McIntee said he is "looking forward to developing typing and secretarial space" in the area, which will be a "great benefit" to the business students.

Mr. Aboud who said there is a "shortage of space on the campus" is "quite pleased" this compromise could be reached.

The area became available last year when the college purchased a new computer, now in use in the Merritt building. Originally, three groups wanted the space, health sciences, SAC and the school of business. Health sciences withdrew their bid, leading to the compromise between Mr. Aboud and Mr. McIntee.

The area will provide space for "much needed specialty work," Mr. McIntee said. It is in an "ideal location" and will serve any student taking typing courses, especially business students.

Just what goes into the area will depend on money available. "Possibly SAC will assist with financing for the project, Mr. Aboud said.

Wheelchairs

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Pat is in a wheelchair and frequently her friends drive her to school, dropping her off by the ramp near the counselling offices of the Tecumseh Centre. Her friends find their own space in one of the parking lots.

A person driving a handicapped student is granted parking privileges if he or she applies, Mr. Spittle said. This procedure will be continued until the privilege is abused, and then the management committee will "chop this service right off."

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